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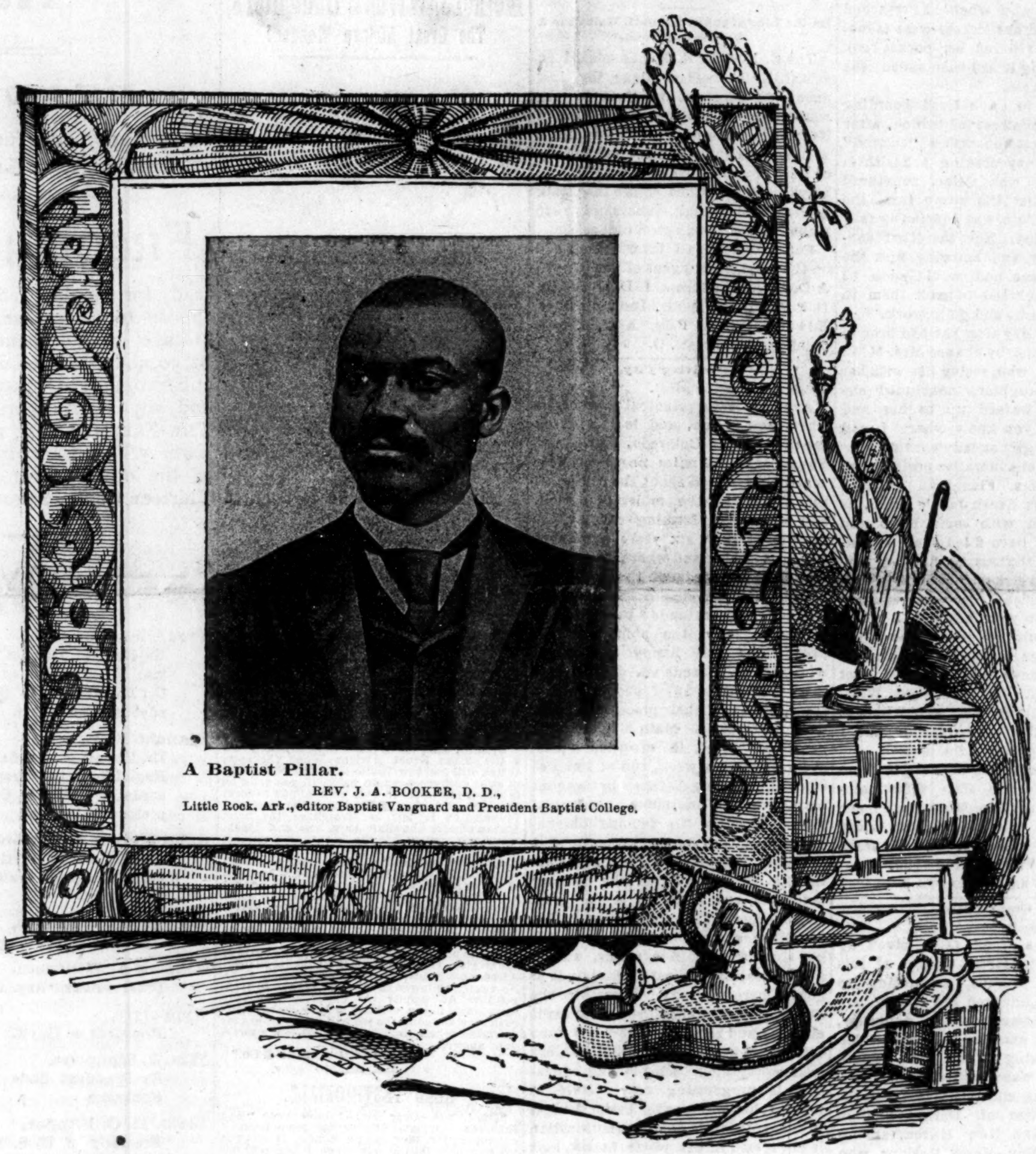

A Baptist Pillar.
REV. J. A. BOOKER, D. D.,
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Political Aspect of the South

BY JOSEPHINE E. GHANT,

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The revolutions which the colonies underwent and the situations into which they were thrown by their connection and differences with one another, and with foreign nations, were so various that their history is a school of instruction in political science. The surest test of the truth or falsehood of abstract principles of politics, is their application to actual experience and the history of nations. The oppression the states suffered under the early forms of government, justified them in establishing a new form of government, which promised them the enjoyment of greater political freedom, We believe, too, that the new form of government was framed by our virtuous legislators in the true spirit of patriotism. But as to the true merits of those political fabrics, it is certain that they are far from corresponding in practice with what was expected from them in theory, particularly as regards the Negro citizen of the Southern states. We seek in vain for the beautiful idea of a well ordered commonwealth in the South. The laws are made and kept or broken at will. The condition of the Negro under the Southern government, partakes more of servitude and oppression than that of the subjects of the most despotic monarchies. The Negroes form the actual majority of the inhabitants of all the Southern states. To these the whites are literally rigorous bond masters. The Negro is subject to the tyrannical control of his fellow citizens. The whole is a system of servility and debasement of spirit, which leaves nothing of a free and ingenuous nature in the condition of individuals, nor anything that can furnish encomium to a real advocate for the dignity of human nature.

The government promised in theory the political happiness of all its citizens, but confers it in practice to a part. It is the fundamental theory of Montesquieu, "Spirit of Laws," that the three distinct forms of government, the monarchical, despotical and republican, are influenced by the three separate principles of honor, fear and virtue. No form of governcan subsist without the operation of these three principles. Now it is difficult to discern any of these principles in the government of most of the Southern states.

If honor, I know not where it lies; if fear, I know not of what; if virtue, I know not what it is. It is true there is no people without the three divine organizations, the family, church and state, though it is often difficult to discern among the savage tribes, but becomes more prominent as civilization advances; from this argument the South has need of civilization.

William McAllister, of Mississippi, in an article to the Commercial a few months ago, stated that if the Negro was allowed the privilege of self-government, he would gradually return to his primitive state, barbarism. I don't know how others may define the word, but it is an undeniable fact that barbarity has reached its zenith on the eve of the twentieth century in the Southern states of America, the New World, "Land of the brave and free." Return to barberism; (?) the wonder is that the Negro ever became civilized in the midst of barbarism. Talk of high civilization and enlightenment that teaches a man to kill his brother without trial or justice in the most fiendish manner, under the eyes of the law. Surely these are not men but demons, that thus violate the laws of God and humanity, and yet escape punishment. And should we from fear or cowardice cling to this miserable existence that we dare not raise our voice in denouncing our slayers? Must we die—die like dogs? Nay, it is even worse, for a dog is seldom shot but once and then is quietly buried; perhaps the tears of its master may show a mark of respect, while God smiles upon its grave in the radiant beams of the sun; but picture another scene, a poor, miserable wretch hung in a wilderness under the cold glare of the moon, his body riddled with bullets from thirty or fifty rifles, amidst the jeers of an infurated mob, and this in most cases is but the beginning of the torture, the first act of the scene of horror.

It makes us shudder to think of it, as if death had touched us with his icy fingers, and then again, the brain grows hot, the heart beats wild and our life blood boils; we grow mad with fiendish delight at the thought of revenge, but are soon calmed with the blessed assurance that God will avenge his own; but if we are moved with such varing sensations, what must it be to the victim? Alas, what must it be? Can anyone dare believe these facts? The blood of the murdered is indeliable.

America, waste not your time in vainly trying to erase or conceal that already done, but set about that you have left undone. It will not suffice to say as the Roman phophet, "Let the carrion rot, there are no noble men but Romans;" for the Negro in his turn may reply like the Grecian Spartacus. We have now a Spartacus in England in the person of that noble woman, Ida B. Wells.

"She will not stop the progress of the American nation," but if it continue in the acts that she is at present denouncing; it will stop its own progress, and it will be the Negro who will furnish the steam to start it off again. Such, then, is the political condition of the South. A small minority of the whole people resident in the Southern states are privileged by an unlimited provision in the Constitution of the United States to subjugate, debase, debar and murder, the seven and one-half millions of its Negro citizens at will on the petty excuse of maintaining state soverignty. The Negro is no anarchist and has never manifested a spirit of anarchism, for had he wished it, there was never a better opportunity afforded him than in the late war. America has been fully convinced that it is not her peace loving citizens that are anarchists, but that anarchists are imported material, and it is doubtless her most ardent wish to make them one of her chief exports. I regret, however, that our Pennsylvania brothers are so weak as to allow any man to lead them in a mob. It was simply a means to corroborate the hold that the Negro is a mobocrat. In conclusion, let the South take its course. It is inevitable that its own actions will become intolerable to itself, then the worthy will unite justice and the less worthy will be dethroned. Then the conscience in the South will have awakened, and the Negro can rest under the protection of a virtuous government, and a government that will respect every man's rights, without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude. Then

"Who toiled a slave,
May come anew a Prince
For gentle worthiness and merit won.
Who ruled a King
May wander earth in rages
For things done and undone."

Republican Club Organized.

Brazoria, Tex., Special.

The Normal is getting along nicely here Prof. B. T. Wilson, M. S., conductor of the N., had an excellent panorama and historical show a few days ago at the public school building. Every piece was eloquently elucidated or demonstrated by Prof. S. J. Sutton. Everybody was made to feel like Peter, "It is good for us to be here." Prof. Wilson is a power in the school room. We need more like him. Teachers are still coming in. Among those last arrived are, Prof. J. H. Golfin and S. W. Taylor. The citizens had a mass meeting and organized a Republican club, with the following officers: Hon. C. Ellis, president; H. C. Crusey, vice-president; Prof. D. G. Shepard, secretary; E. C. Branch, assistant secretary; Prof. J. A. Bandy, treasurer; A. J. Perkins, door keeper; W. E. Nobnell, sergeant-at-arms. Speeches were made by Hon. H. Haller, representative judge; J. C. Ellis, A. Mills and S. H. Mack. Mr. Haller gave the object of the club, which means one united sentiment. Clubs will be organized all over the county of the same, not in precincts, but in school communities. The call was not thoroughly talked, but over 75 names were enrolled as members, and more say they are coming in.

The Mite Missionary Society.

Eunis, Tex., Special.

W. M. Malone returned last week from a visit to his old home, where he spent a very pleasant week with relatives and friends. Miss Caldonia Dodson left last Friday morning to spend a few days in Waco with relatives. The ladies of the Mite Missionary society of the A. M. E. church, had a special sermon Sunday afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. M. J. Brooks. The collection amounted to $5.10. The Dramatic club, of Waxahachie, headed by Prof. V. N. Williams, gave a concert here in the Baptist church Saturday evening, the 14th, inst. They had a splendid house and gave a good concert. Come again professor. The Baptists are carrying on a revival meeting this week. It is conducted by Rev. Herring, as the pastor, Rev. Davis, has not yet recovered from his attack of fever. Rev. Dock Biggin gave a grand picnic at Hored, Tex. Everybody were cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets. U. L. Whitaker and G. S. Dixon, of Waxahachie, was in the city last week. W. M. Malone, who made a flying trip over to Milford, Tex., returned to this city recently. Now boys call on him for a hair cut, shave or shampoo. He will give you a neat job. Sam Adkinson gave Mr. and Mrs. Underhill a call recently. Mr. and Mrs. P. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. B. Slaughter and Mrs. L. Bowing gave Mr. and Mrs. H. Gray a call recently. Rev. M. J. Brooks returned from Rice, Tex., last week. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Young have a fine boy; weight 12½ pounds.

A Shout in the Camp.

Marion, Ind., Special.

Rev. Mrs. Gracen, of Anderson, Ind., preached two able sermons to a large audience at Rev. H. H. Thompson's camp-meeting yesterday. Owing to the great interest in the meeting, it will not break up until August 1. Mrs. D. B. Pettiford's little girl, who was sick, is better at this writing. The Baptist Church is coming on nicely. They will soon hold services in it. Mr. D. B. Pettiford will soon move into his new home on Second street. Mr. Wm. Harper will go to Indianapolis this week with his horses. Mrs. Dorson Gulliford returned home from Fort Wayne, Ind., after a visit of four weeks with her brother and friends. Be sure and buy The Freeman of J. M. Nichols, on sale at his barber shop.

Passed Through in Grand Style.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The people of Shelbyville went two ways on the 23d, inst., to Belbuckle and Cornisville District conferences held by Rev. B. Green and Rev. G. L. Jackson. Ed. Peacock went to Nashville on the 22d, inst. G. W. Doxey went a few miles out to make cream for the entertainment. Rev. Mrs. C. Mery, of Clarksville, is in the city to see her father, sister and friends. Rev. P. W. Patterson opened his school Monday. Casro Genning's wife has a very nice carriage. Prof. T. T. Ransom and wife opened school on the 24th, inst. James Adam and Miss Maley Edgar went to Belbuckle on the 23d. Misses Mamie Heart, Lizzie Myers, John Banman, Richard Comming, Miss Mary I. Streeter and Prof. R. P. Purdy and others took a trip. Miss Minnie Childress and two young ladies and gentlemen, of Tulahoma, passed through the city in grand style on the 23d. Miss Mary E. Simbs will teach at the same place, and is very much liked by the patrons of the school. We like the strong ideas set forth in The Freeman. Too much cannot be said in honor and defence of Miss Ida B. Wells. She is grand and amiable. Dr. Turner is looking after the getting up of a drug store. The Negroes are coming together in Shelbyville. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

Georgia Teachers Slandered.

Columbus, Ga., Special.

We have in our midst Dr. C. M. Holbrook, of Washington, D. C., an old Columbus boy. Dr. C. S. Swan has returned from a pleasant visit to Macon and Augusta. Miss A. L. Turkes is visiting Macon, Ga. Miss Ada C. Jimson leaves for a few weeks' stay in Little Rock, Ark. Miss R. J. Yon is teaching in Hamilton, Ga. We have noticed that several of our papers writing on the State Teachers' Association of Georgia failing to endorse Miss Ida B. Wells. I want not only America, but the whole world, to know that the teachers that were at Augusta, Ga., attending the convention do not represent, or rather did not, the teachers of Georgia. Also a great many that were at the Association endorsed her, and, besides, the majority of the teachers of the State were not at the convention, so please don't say that the teachers of Georgia failed to endorse Miss Wells for it was only a part, and a small part at that. Columbus will have her first hanging August 3 for over thirty years.

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ABOUT WEST AFRICA

Her Climate, People and Their Peculiar Customs, by

REV. A. L. RIDGEL, A. B.

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LETTER NO. I.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In keeping with my promise, I now begin a series of seven brief articles, as set forth in our caption. We shall begin at Grand Canary, one of the most delightful towns along the African coast. Grand Canary, though geographically belonging to Africa, is politically under the control of Spain. Eighty miles away, in a southeasterly direction from the Canary islands, is the great Sahara desert, over whose burning sands thousands of weary pilgrims travel to different parts of the globe.

The island is situated high above the level of the sea. The gentle sea breezes sweep over the entire elevation, which conduces to the health and vigor of the inhabitants. A strange freak of nature has developed at Canary, which has baffled the scientific minds who have attempted an explanation. The mystery lies in the accumulation of a sand bed on the mountain base, when the entire town, otherwise, is free of sand. The question is, "Where does the sand come from?" One school of scientists claim that the sand is blown from the Sahara desert, while the other claims that the cause is due to millions of tiny insects beneath the earth's surface that are continuously conveying small loads of sand from unknown sand beds below. We shall forbear any conclusion upon the matter, as our knowledge of science is so limited. Bishop Turner, however, who has a broad scientific mind, declares the affair to be quite a phenomena.

It was here that Bishop Turner saw an "optical illusion," which is caused by various atmospheric conditions, in which refractions and reflections are multiplied by different densities of atmospheric layers. They chiefly occur in hot countries, where, from the varying effects of the heat, the conditions of atmospheric refraction and reflection frequently prevail in their highest degree. The crew, or those who had never seen an inverted ship, were somewhat startled at the unusual sight. The mirage, or another form of "optical illustion," when it appears that large islands can be seen floating upon the sea, are also often seen along the coasts of the southern seas. Bishop Turner publicly requested some of our college professors, etc., to explain the cause of the inverted ships, which was attempted by several students of different high schools, as Dr. J. C. Embry pronounced it a simple question that could be answered by any common school boy. I must confess, however, that up to date Dr. Embry nor his school boy has giveh a clear-cut analysis of the simple question.

At Grand Canary can be seen invalids from various parts of Europe and the world. The place has a great record as a health resort. The inhabitants for most part are Spaniards. Hundreds of them came aboard our ship, much to the discomfit of Mrs. Ridgel, who is said to resemble very much a Spanish lady, which caused those Spanish gentlemen to ask her many questions concerning her nationality. We simply looked on with wonder, for not a word could we understand.

The climate at Grand Canary is temperate, the water is pure and invigorating, the fruits are delicious and the well-known canary bird abounds there. Oh, I wish I were a millionaire! I would spend the balance of my days at Grand Canary, Africa.

Our next call was Garee, a small French port. Here we saw for the first time a native African. Here, also, we for the first time saw a Mohamedan. When I first saw those native men, jabbering in their vernacular, I was confused, and would have regarded them dangerous had I not been otherwise informed. But to my great surprise I found that many of them were fine French and Arabic scholars, holding high and responsible positions under the French government. Here for once I saw white men honor, reverence and almost tremble before Negroes. No malignant sneers; no such epithets as "you niggers!" so frequently heard in Negro-hating America, where our greatest Negroes are no more regarded by white men than so many jackasses. Garee has no special attractions. Here and there can be seen relics of war, for which France is so famed. Garee, like Canary, is the result of a vast volcanic eruption, perhaps thousands of years old.

From Garee we go to Bathurst, an English town of considerable importance. Here we came in contact with hundreds of natives of the Jolloff tribe, many of whom are intelligent and strictly religious. We saw a most unique "goldsmith shop," as they call it. A number of Africans seated flat on the ground, with hammer, anvil, bellows, etc., are beating out gold and making rings, breast-pins, bracelets, ear-rings, etc., that sell like hot cakes. The African gold is very different in appearance to that of America. It is quite yellow and looks more like brass at a glance. I am told however that it is the most valuable gold on the market. The French seem to do a large business at Bathurst, hence many of the natives speak the French language.

The Gambia river, through which we enter Bathurst, is a most treacherous port of en-

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MAID AND MISTRESS

A Romance of Two Cousins.

WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE FREEMAN,

By AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, ("B. Square.")

Author of "Fred Jackson's Vow." "A Rolling Stone that Gathered Moss."
"Prof, L. Wilson Dozier." "The Raise Problem,"
"Hon. L. Sweitzer, M. C." Etc. Etc,

CHAPTER XXII.

A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE!

Ten days before the trial, after being in jail for twenty days, Capps secured the needed $7,000 bail, the delay being caused by Brown and all the other white Republican friends being "out of town" until they learned that the young Afro-American lawyer was worth $10,000 title clear.

It took Capps just twenty-four hours, after he was out on bail, to reach a conclusion. Hundreds of the best citizens of N— were ready to sware to anything; they had his blanks filled in to suit themselves over his name. Hayes was dead and all his important carpet bag white friends were "out of town," and his colored friends out of heart and out of money; ten years in state's prison looked him in the face, and even his fondness—beg pardon, his love—for Sarah Jane could not stand ten years behind the bars in Richmond for nothing.

There was only one thing for him to do, forfeit his bail bond and leave the country. It was a bitter pill, but nature had kindly given our young friend plenty of gray matter to fill his long head, so he transferred his property to his bondsman, the value of which was $5,000, and gave him a check for the other $2,000, drew the remaining $3,000 from the bank and left at once for Port Lamon, Costa Rica, Central America.

"Oh, how cowardly to leave his lover," we hear the beautiful female reader say, "it shows that he did not love her; why the idea of going away without writing her is—"

Beg pardon miss, the historian has no right to juggle with facts, we repeat, and this part of our romance is sweetened with a little truth and history. Again we repeat, "there's where his head was level," for Capps has been one of our heroes.

CHAPTER XXIII.

IN MARION, S. C.

The usual "I told you so," and "I always knew it," which is always heard after the misfortune of persons of note, was echoed and re-echoed from one end of the country to the other long after Capps had departed for parts unknown, even Sarah Jane said to her heart: "I told you he was false and dishonest, now you see what a narrow escape you had; let this be a lesson."

But "alas for maiden, alas for judge," love is a very dull pupil, in fact, although the little dunce has been attending the school of Experience ever since the days of Eve, he is just as ignorant as he was countless years ago; in fact, as the old auntie said about her neighbor's son, the more he goes to school the wusser fool he is."

One misfortune and sometimes two always follow misfortune, such was Sarah Jane's lot. Her mother contracted a heavy cold, which turned into pneumonia, from which she died just one month and two days after the "N— riot," as it was called. The school funds of the Old Dominion gave out and the trustees were obliged to close one of the two district schools and of course closed the colored one.

Sarah Jane's mother kept putting off telling "a great secret about the Whitehursts," who they were, where they lived and where our heroine was born. When Sarah Jane would ask, "Why don't you tell me now?" her mother would say: "Oh, its a long, long story and I havn't time now, but I'll just say this, that you are a Whitehurst and just as good as any of them, and I know that you have more eddycayshun than any of them, now that is why I wanted you to go up North and learn French, because you see when I was a young girl—but I aint got no time to talk now, I must look after the pigs and things—I'll tell you all some day."

So the great robber of time stole all the old lady's idle moments until death called her to the unknown beyond. This destroying angel was not satisfied with the mother, but snatched the blind sister. She was killed by a falling tree one month after her mother's death.

Sarah Jane had long since out grown of the "bad lucks," "evil spell," and other superstitions the average American out grows. We wish the reader to plainly note that we say American without the prefix "Afro," for experience has long since taught us that the Anglo-American of education believes far more in good and bad "luck" than does his educated brother in black.

When, however, her lame sister showed signs that she was going in consumption and the doctor told her that the child must be taken further South, she at once sold the little farm, paid all her debts and with the few remaining hundred or two dollars started for Jacksonville, Fla., where she had a friend. She found herself, much against her better reason and education, saying: "I hope we will have better luck in our new home."

She started for Jacksonville but landed in Marion, S. C., by a mere accident or at least by the carelessness of the tickel agent at K—. He sold her two tickets to Marion instead of Jacksonville, and when she reached that point and her tickets were taken, not being able to find her pocket book and concluding it had been stolen, she got off at Marion.

She went to a colored boarding house, the mistress of which, after finding out that she was a "colored" lady with money seeking a healthful spot for her sick sister, convinced Sarah Jane that the spray from the fountain of youth was constantly falling on Marion. She therefore concluded to stay, and knowing that the few dollars she had would soon be gone, she concluded to bank them in her sister's name and go to work.

The second day after she had been in Marion she met by chance Mrs. M. C. Montgomery, who, seeing her with her landlady's daughter, concluded she was colored, walked up to her and asked: "Do you know where I can get a colored girl as lady's maid?"

The vision of a lucrative position like that with Mrs. Flannigan at once flashed across Sarah Jane's mind, as she answered with some haste and anxiety: "I have filled such a position and am anxious to find employment, being a stranger in Marion with the care of a sick sister."

"Well I like your face and I guess you would suit my niece, who is the young lady for whom I want a maid. The girl we have had for years, in fact partly raised, has gone out West. Now if you think you would like to try the position step one side and I will talk to you about the pay."

Sarah Jane excused herself from her companion and after a few minutes' talk with Mrs. Montgomery she was engaged at a much higher salary than she had expected, to be the waiting maid of Virginia Haywood.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Grand Rally.

Ansonia, Ct., Special.

There was a grand rally given by the Macedonia Baptist Church of this place. The proceds, amounting to ($121.20) one hundred and twenty one dollars and twenty cents, doubtless, surpassed in amount the expectation of many owing to the dull times. The Church was crowded with members, friends and visitors from the ajorning cities of Derby Shelton Bridgeport and New Haven, among whom were Rev. Moses Haskins who preached, at the morning and evening services, Rev. W. B. Bowen pastor of A. M. E. Zion church of Derby preached in the afternoon, also Rev. N. M. Mayo, of New Haven was present. The church feels greatful to the different pastors and many friends for their influence and liberality in helping to raise the above amount to help liquidate the balance due on building.

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION MEET.

A Large Number in Attendance—Hoodlums Fire Into a Church.

Calvert, Texas, Special.

The Lincoln Association finished its Session here on the 9th inst, Delegates and visitors began leaving for home as early as Saturday 7th. The attendance during the week is estimated all the way between 1,800 and 2,000 persons. The following officers were elected and installed: Moderator Rev. A. L. Sledge, Chappell Hill; Vice Moderator, Rev. J. H. Harrold, Calvert, Tex.; Recording Secretary, H. L. Davis, Hempstead; Corr. Secretary, Rev. L. L. Campbell, Austin; Treasurer, F. T. Coleman, Calvet; Executive Board, Rev. P. Diggs, Calvert; A. Hubbs, Galveston, and Rev. E. B. Ballard. This being one of the largest and oldest Associations in the State. The Second Association will convene in Chappell Hill next year. Prominent visitors to the City last week, was as follows: Rev. A. R. Griggs, Dallas, Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, Dallas, Rev. I. S. Campbell, Galveston, Rev. E. M. Wright, Galveston, Rev. R. H. Boyd, San Antonio, Rev. I. Toliver, Waco, Prof. Ball, Seguin, Prof. Dave Abner Seguin, Prof. J. R. E. Lee, Marshall, Tex., Rev. D. H. Shivers, Bryon, Tex., Rev. F. L. Light, Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Woods Houston.

During the progress of the meeting on Thursday night, some low persons secreted themselves near the Colored City School building, which is less than a block away from the church, and fired three shots into the church inflicting a slight flesh wound on the side of a young lady's head, and one ball penetrating the hat of another—The officers was soon on the outskirts of the vast assembly, and using every possibly means to catch the assasin. Constable Hanch Milton, brought all of his official strategy to bear in trying to capture the perpetraters of the deed. Two young colored loafers of the City, supposed to be toughs was arrested on suspecion, charged with committing the crime——Up to date the Officers have not been able to get sufficient evidence to convict either of them. The readers of the FREEMAN indorse the idea of erecting a monument to the memory of John Brown. Martyr to the cause of freeing the black man of the South, Calvet will be in line in perpetuating the name of that hero, and your correspondent fully agree with Mr. Fortune in his effort to get an indorsement of all of Miss Ida B. Wells' course in England in condemning mob laws in the South.

GAS.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS

On the Line of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad.

The C. H. & D. R. R. has placed on sale at all ticket offices along the line, excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip for the accommodation of its friends on Sundays. These tickets will be good going and returning only on date of sale. Tickets will be sold between all stations where the train service will permit excursionists to make the round trip on Sundays.

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A Thriving City.

Ardmore, Ind. Ter., Special.

Ardmore is the principal town of the Chickasaw nation, and is located on the line of Gulf Colorado, and Santa, Fee railroad, 104 miles north of Fort Worth Texas, and about the center of the nation in the midst of a rich, and well tilled farming country. A little more than six years ago there was no Ardmore, and where at that time the slick fat herds of the ranchmen roamed, and the coyote howled with free delight now stands a beautiful and substantial city, the home of 5,000 prosperious and happy people, of which two thousands are colored, yet this rapid gathering of people into a town, have kept their place with business enterprise. Main street the principal street, is crowded almost every day in the week, and at times so blocked for a long distance by wagons marketing the enormous product of the fertile soil of the famous Chickasaw nation, that standing room is at a premium, the principal product marketed is cotton for which the country is famous, and Ardmore is the great cotton center of the Chickasaw nation as well as a portion of Oklahoma. It has abundance of fine water, and is a very healthful climate. Society is as good here as any where in the States, the tendency being towards morality and religion. There are four colored churches here, and all are well represented. Schools and education is progressing very slowly at present, but we hope for better success in the future. If this communication is not tossed in the waste basket, look for me again.

J. Q. ADAMS.

NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSION

Via. the C. H. & D. R. R.

Under agreement of the Trunk Lines, it was decided that no Niagara Falls cheap excursions would be run this year until after the first of August. The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad will run one of their famous excursions to Niagara Falls at the usual low rate, sometime about the first or second week in August. These excursions were discontinued last year owing to the World's Fair, and it is expected that they will be larger than ever this year. Lookout for the announcement of them in this paper.

KISMET.

I tossed her picture on the coals
  Against the back-log glowing red,
And snaky flames, Medusa-like,
  Coiled and uncoiled about her head,
And lo! the insensate cardboard lived—
  The fire had set its spirit free,
And lovingly her fair white arms
  Rose up to clasp and cling to me.

And when the picture blackened lay,
  Upon its film and profile true
Unrolled in hazy silhouette,
  Then darted up the chimney's flue;
And where, above the ashes gray,
  A blue flame bubble seemed to float,
I straightway saw her face again,
  A bunch of violets at her throat.

Oh, never more may I be freed
  From this her presence; 'tis too late.
"Bismillah!" so the Moslem cries,
  And I, the Christian, echo "Fate!"
I raze her image from my heart,
  I put away her voice; and she—
Comes back to where our pathways met,
  And walks the journey's end with me.

—[Ernest McGaffey.

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AFRICAN IMMGRATION.

BY M. GASTON DANIELL, TUSKEGEE, ALA.

"The Reporter" is the name of a little sheet now being published in Tuskegee. We judge that it has been transferred, because it is in its second year. It is quite a newsy little paper and in some things amusing.

In its issue of the 6th the editor devotes over a half column to the subject of African emigration, supposing perhaps to be offering good advice to the Negro concerning his future career and advancing a theory upon which he thinks the solution of the so-called, but miscalled, Negro problem may be settled.

He seems to have very little sympathy for the Negro, and says that despite the reports of the unhealthy condition of Africa, the Negro is right in wanting to go. "We don't blame him," says the writer. We don't blame him either, not for his wanting to go, but for the remarkable good sense he displays in remaining in this country.

The Negro exercises common sense and shows his desire for higher civilization when he heeds the oft-corroborated reports of the sad and deplorable condition of those already gone to Africa, and we condemn some of our own race who attempt to excite the Negro to emigrate by holding up beautiful pictures of the fertile valleys of the Nile, and the spontaneous growth of a great variety of vegetation, and of the exercise of his liberty if he goes there, forgetting it seems the poor and ignorant condition of the masses of the Negroes in this country—seeming to side with our enemies on any kind of a scheme to get the Negro out of this country.

Further along the editor says that where there are thousands of Negroes who don't know and won't learn how to raise anything but cotton, children and dogs, times are bound to be hard. It should be remembered that in many respects that was a pretty hard old school, in which the Negro received his first training, and that it will take him more than thirty years to unlearn what he was two hundred and fifty years learning.

The idea that cotton is king, and if the South does not raise it, the whole country will perish, is one of the lessons the Negro has yet to unlearn. He is not to blame for it; he was forced to work hard for its cultivation, and it is true that things persons are constantly forced to do sometimes become a habit with them and they form a liking for them. The writer says he thinks the Negro had better "get a move on him." We think that the Negro is becoming more and more dissatisfied with his condition and is getting "a move" on him. But it is not in the direction of Africa; it is in the direction of bettering his condition. All over the South this restlessness is felt, and even here in our immediate community this "move" is wonderfully apparent. Already three yearly gatherings of farmers into meetings, known as the Tuskegee Negro Conference, has been called. The idea of these gatherings is to teach the Negro to rent and mortgage less, raise more corn, peas and potatoes, and less cotton, and many other lessons essential to the real prosperity of the race and the better conditions of the whole country, and much good has resulted from these meetings. Other races have had centuries in which to reach their present eminence in civilization from which they can so boastfully and arrogantly look down, and the Negro asks to be given time in which to perfect himself in some of the first principles in living, over which others have centuries ago passed. Among other things the editorial contained this: "After they become acclimated, those who survive can loll around in the shade over there, eat wild bananas, grasshoppers, lizzards, etc., like most of the roving band of Africa do. We would advise our colored friends to take along a supply of beads, tin horns and brass rings. They will pass current for anything you want, and you might sell all of your clothes except enough to get there in"

This might pass for a good joke, but it certainly contains no good practical advice. At this age everything is being done by the Negro to lift himself above the barbaric customs of the natives of Africa, and we cannot see how persons supposing to possess a love for the better development of mankind, should advocate a retrogression on the part of the Negro. The civilization of this age and of this country belongs as much to the Negro as to any other race, and for that he is striving.

So far as his development goes in this country he doesn't care to "loll around in the shade and eat grasshoppers, lizzards, etc.," and we care for no such wise (?) suggestions regarding those who should choose to go to Africa. The onward march of the Negro in all departments of education argues that he is fast getting above eating lizzards, snakes, etc., and delights to have such food as other people have. The editor concludes by wanting those who go to Africa to leave 50 cents for his paper. That is a nice injection of wit, and may be a good way to advertise his paper, and it may win some Negro subscribers, but we are of the opinion that the Negro should want to pay for better advice than that. The editorial ended in a joke, and well it did, because we don't see how any amount of seriousness could be attached to such reasoning. It called the attention of Oliver Brooks, a colored barber here, who, it is said went on a trip to Africa, but returned very quickly. We don't think that Brooks has any information at hand that would serve as an incentive to the Negro's going to Africa, for the fact that he so quickly returned indicates that something was wrong over there. Suppose the Negro stay in this country a little while longer, and suppose his friends—the editor of the Reporter thrown in (?)—teach him how to live, how to farm, and not ask him to go off and be content to "loll around and eat grasshoppers, and lizzards." We hope the Reporter may have better things to say next time.

GREAT HEROES.

By Miss M. A. Cannon, Jersey City, N. J.

IN A. M. E. ZION CHURCH QUARTERLY FOR JULY.

In reviewing the annals of the world, there is nothing which adds more to the brilliancy of its pages, the effulgences of its charms, or the ecstacy of its inspirations than the deeds of great heroes. Indeed the great heroes have formed the ideals of bravery, courage and manheod of their respective times.

They have been the subjects of profound prosaists and the theme of sublime poets. To realize the power and influence of heroes you have, but to remember that when you have retraced the steps of time, upon the bulwark of history, until you stand verging upon the brinks of the unknown past, around which hover mists of oblivion, hiding as it were, ages upon ages of time, yet coming across this mysterious abyss of the world's existence, defying its Lethean waters, there falls upon your ears enchanting cadence of epic songs, sung by those who lived and moved and had their being in prehistoric times. So that in all ages of the world heroes have been the sparks that set whole nations aflame. Though the sparks may have been small, they caused the vast universe, so to speak, to stand still and behold their work.

What great influence did the myths concerning Ulysses and Achilles exert in the Grecian world! Many were aroused to activity, who would have otherwise been slothful and indifferent. The singing of thir exploits filled the Greeks with national pride patriotism, and incited many hellenic sons to noble deeds. Horatius' defense of the bridge, celebrated thoroughout the world, became a great stimulus to the war-like characacter of the Romans and exalted the pride of the Roman bravery, as no other single incident did; and the life of Cincinnatus, with the noble traits magnified the nobility of Roman citizenship and taught men to please Rome first in their hearts. Such grand ideas of bravery and patriotism, made Rome what it was, and when the self-sacrificing deeds of heroes ceased to be practiced, Rome fell admist the howling tempest of avarice, shame and ignobility. The history of England, Germany, France, Spain, and even youthful America, glorious with the deeds of their heroes, which consummates in national pride and patriotism, as we behold the great works we too are compelled to join the mighty voice of the universe, that heroes have contributed most potently to the self exaltation of a nation, for they are the suns, revolving in the universe of fame to which men aspire or reflect their animating rays.

Spurn the deeds and courage of a nation's hero and you pierce the heart of their pride and strike at the basis of their patriotism. Blot out the achievements of the world's heroes, and the annals of time will become shorn of their most attractive and charming portrayals, and the present be cut from of its great source of inspiration. But while the world's great heroes have played well their part in the drama of human existance and deserve the admiration of men, yet there is a domain in which the sublimity of achievements far transcend that of earthly heroes. It is the moral world. He who stands up for the right, in the midst of corruption and sin, is a greater hero than he who adorns profane history with the noblest deeds. The one advocates those principles immutable and eternal, which seeks the welfare of the immortal soul; the orther's efforts are concentrated upon these things which cannot rise higher than mortal life. In the moral world the ideal hero is he who in addition to defending the right, possesses complete control of himself. Ah! how many such heroes are we able to find? Would that there were more and life would be fare better in every way. How consoling it is to see a man, who is a such master of himself as to be able to execute his good resolutions. Millions are wrecked upon shores of despair. What a noble man is he who has so trained himself that neither success nor opulence can fill him with haughty pride, nor make him forget duty to God and fellow men? Herein lies the evil of success and riches. What a noble trait it is to find a man who when discovering that he is in the wrong, has the moral courage to recant, even in the face of a ridiculing foe.

The lack of courage, or of such a trait, has blasted many a brilliant mind. What virile qualities does he display when surrounded by wicked companions, has not only the courage to say "no" to their vile entreaty but the moral boldness to reprove their vicious habits. Such is the shield of true excellence. How pleasing it is to see a man having control of his temper. Wisdom itself sits supreme upon his brow; but the man who is a slave to his temper is an abject slave lured to his ruin by the songs of the Syrens.

What a blessing to the community and to the world is the man who is the master of his appetites and passions.

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It is this life of Socrates that gives to the ruins of Pagan Greece its lustre; and that of Cato that makes a moral oasis in the midst of foul and degenerated Rome. Mighty men of war have subdued great nations, but they forced their subjugation only at the point of the sword. The minds of the victims remained unchanged and unconquered. And when there was a chance this fact has manifested itself in the form ot revenge or revolt. But the man who is master of himself has subdued that which Alexander and Cæsar could not; for after they had obtained the mastery of the world, and sat as the supreme rulers of kingdoms and empires, they died the abject slave to their unbridled passions.

This complete control of one's self, consumates itself in a noble character, such as has made the world what it is. Surely then indeed, he who is master of himself is the hero of heroes; and well has the scripture said, "He that ruleth his spirit is mightier than he that taketh a city." But such a hero riseth above the natural man and hence must look for support to him who is the ideal character of the moral world, the Savior of mankind.

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Mr. Editor:—In the light of recent events, surrounded as we are by so many different parties, as citizens and as voters, what can we do to better our condition in politics? We are recognized as legal voters, but the position that we now occupy and fill as such, lead us to believe that our votes are not counted, although they are. But we get no recompense therefor; we are not foreigners, if we were, we would be more successful in getting positions, from the lowest to the highest. Instead thereof, we are citizens of this country, and being dutiful citizens, we are eschewed and almost barred from holding political positions, while we help to elect those who have the appointive power, from the President of the United States, down to the lowest office in the political arena. We can and must better our condition in politics. We cannot afford to change over to some other party, we must do for those only that have done for us. We must centralize and unite, because in unity there is strength. We know that it was in an indirect way that we obtained our present opportunity, but notwithstanding that fact, the history of the Republican party still survives, and will live forever. The principles of that party are too numerous and great for us to ever think of changing a party above all others; a party of loyal philanthrophy and prosperity; and if we, as a people, would think of the past as we realize the present, our condition in the future would be brighter, and our positions better. We have but to look forth to it, and it is ours. Because it was a Republican ship with a Republican crew that brought us safely over, why then seek other parties, if we would not better our condition politically? We dare not change our politics; and while we cling to the grandest party in existence, within its ranks are the most noted and learned men on earth. We humbly beg of them better positions, recognizance and justice. Then the Negro as he was, as he is and as he always will be, a loyal black Republican.

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A NEGRO DEMOCRAT'S PLEA.

It has come to stand for living issues, for logical reforms, and is taking the initiative in everything that tends to bring the hands of administration closer in touch with the people. It stands as the champion of the individual, as against the corporate influence which threatens to engulf him? It is the party of the masses. It is not advisable for the Negro to cast his fortunes with an organization which has no chance in the national contest, and of the two greater parties now struggling for power our interests will be immeasurably enhanced by giving the Democrats a goodly share of our strength. They are meeting us more than half way. They have called a truce on war issues and are pointing forward. With Lincoln, Grant and Sumner dead, the Republican party of to day has lost all the leaders whose names stood for anything horoic and the newer lights have gleefully subordinated the question of human rights and equality to financial vagaries and political makeshifts, so that all special claim for Negro support is utterly without force. Big hearted men are coming forward on the other side and bidding us welcome into their ranks.

It behooves us to lay aside petty prejudices, antiquated superstitions, and accept this invitation in a spirit of fairness. It is not to our interest to fight the war over again. We are face to face with new problems entirely. The solution of our own destiny depends upon how candidly we can get off of the Republican sentimental hobby, and so cast our suffrage that the best results can be obtainted for the race at large. This means that the Negro vote should and will divide.—Ex.

This of the Democratic party as a bait for the Negro vote, from the pen of a young Negro Democratic editor, is partly new, somewhat startling and upon the whole very funny. Not since slavery breathed its last at the feet of Abraham, in the presence of a continent in arms, can it be said in truth the Democratic party ever stood for anything save rank ignorance of and indifference to national needs.

Not one scintilla of the great legislation accomplished since the war, that was of Democratic origin, but on the other hand it was opposed at every step and impeded by all the devilish means and ignorance that Democratic demagogy could invent and keep in motion.

If to pull down rather than build up, to demoralize, hamper and handicap, to substitute for wise judicious legislation, old condemned and played out economic theories, with the always mischievous heresy of State Rights thrown in for good measure, is a credit, then it can truthfully be admitted Democracy has taken the initiative, but in the creation and promulgation of anything wise, safe or generally beneficial, never! 'Taint built that way.

It stands as the boasted, insistent, persistent friend, ally and champion of those organizations composed of the industrial and labor foes of the Negro, whose doors are closed against his entrance and whose mandates wherever and whenever they are carried out have the effect of robbing him of the laborer's hire, refusing him bread for his hunger, denying the knowledge of trade to his boys and setting the price of the drudge and the harlot upon the heads of his wives and daughters.

The writer might have gone a notch or two further and contended that it was not only not wise, but it would not happen for many years to come, if ever, that the Negro would cast his fortunes with a party like the Democratic party, which has no chance in the national contest, but he will continue to follow the dictates of the commonest kind of common sense by continuing to support in the main the Republican party.

The Republican party is not perfect, it has been guilty of some acts of omission, some of commission, and it is here and there, now and again, misrepresented by men who have used and do use its great prestige and opportunities for self rather than the masses, but in all these things even, compared to the Democratic party, it is in whiteness and purity, a snow bank to a tar heap, a paragon of wisdom, consistency and humanity to a satyer or a bird of foulness and evil omen.

The history of the Democratic party is one of successive decades of crime, national and local, accomplished and attempted, and read, studied by impartial eyes seeking the truth, can appear in no other light than a bungling culprit, accountable for every national woe the American people has and is now suffering from.

The champion and bulwark of Negro slavery when slavery was, it has since been his (the colored man's) constant obstructor, has hindered him in many ways.

It opposed his freedom, opposed protection to him as a man under the law, opposed the steps taken and the means provided to guarantee him indefinately in his rights and privileges as a citizen and a voter, and to-day and for many years has practically disfranchised him in many states of the Union.

To err no doubt is human, and we shall not question, but that to forgive is divine, but can the Negro be called upon, should it be expected, does any sane man really believe he has or will forget these things, and when we come to think about it, should he?

It, the Democratic party, is not only meeting the Negro in some sections of the country "more than half way," but it does not hesitate to go all the way to his home at the midnight hour often, and armed with "Winchesters" and shotguns, make short work of his usefulness as a citizen and his support as a voter in Republican ranks.

But if our young Negro novice in the art of baiting the Democratic hook to catch Negro suckers really believes and meant to say the Democratic party as an organization was showing signs of shame and regret for its past opinion and treatment of the Negro as man, citizen and voter, we do not hesitate to admit our surprise and delight, and must congratulate our young friend for distancing competition in securing this important information. This is news sure.

But it is not news of any considerable freshness that "they have called a truce on war issues," the "they" referred to meaning the Democratic hosts and leaders.

Called a truce, have they; don't like to remember or talk about the war, eh?

Well, we should say they would not. There is little, very little, in a discussion of what are known as the war issues, that for the part they played in their adjudication and settlement, that Democratic leaders can think of being proud of, and much, very much they they should pray to be forgotten and forgiven for.

Called a truce, have they; well now, is not this the quint essence of humor?

The Democratic party has its face to-day, as ever, turned to the rear. The knack of looking forward, building for the future, cannot be counted in the list of its graces. In '64 it declared the war a failure. It denied and still denies the constitutionality of the great amendments. All of that legislation commencing with the regime of Lincoln and continuing down through those of Grant, Hayes and Garfield, familiarly spoken of as Reconstruction legislation, having for its object the entrenchment of the freedman in his new estate of citizenship, was opposed step by step, session after session, by the Democratic party in Congress, its leaders swearing by high heaven never to rest until the last vestige was obliterated from the pages of the statute books of the nation.

This may be what our friend means "pointing forward" as an inducement to give the "Democrats a goodly share of our strength," but we mistake the Negro, our knowledge of human nature is faulty and imperfect, if he does anything of the kind. This kind of "pointing forward," of progressive impulse on the part of the Democratic party, as affecting the Negro, is on a line with the friendship of the tiger for its prey. The pur of the crouching brute, followed swiftly by his leap, may be a scene quite picturesque and exhilarating to the safe observer, but in the language of Bill Biddon, "its hell" on the unsuspecting victim.

Lincoln, Grant and Sumner have indeed passed away, peace to their ashes, and in the light of latter days there have been those of their successors who perhaps have been blind, where they would have seen, deaf where they would have heard, what then, without their strong arms to shield, without the support and aid of their patriotic and humane counsel, as a lamp and a guide to go by, there are many reasons why the Negro should remain constant to a party whose principles have always been safe and right, and not one reason why he should give his support to a party who are just as busy fighting those principles, just as strongly opposed to them, as they were in the days of the chieftians referred to above. Men die, leaders lay down their arms, but principles survive.

What might be a petty jealousy for a white man to indulge, in the matter of the choice of parties, in the case of the Negro, is altogether different. We could wish it were not so, but wishes are but waves of air when confronted by the irony of facts.

There are many things in life not to our interest that we resolve in vain to forget. The war, for instance, can not be fought over again, but the causes that produced it and the events that grew out of it, as they have effected and still continue to effect the daily life of the Negro, have become history, on every page of which the Democratic party appears as the relentless foe of Negro progress, all of which we marvel not, it would please that party and its champions to have forgotten, but, and there's the rub, can the Negro do so, should he forget?

White men may wander from party to party, and do, by the force of different arguments, pro or con, adduced on behalf of what are termed the current questions of the hour, but over and above all questions with the Negro is the paramount, ever present one, of what he believes should be his civil and political rights as a man and citizen, and he has been and will continue to be swayed either towards or away from political parties, just in proportion as it shall occur to his judgment, one is more worthy of his support than the other.

Between the Democratic and the Republican party, as viewed from their past records and present attitudes, and so long as his full civil and political citizenship remains an unfulfilled dream, which should be his choice?

There can be but one reply.

A CORRECTION—"DEAD, GENTLEMEN, DEAD!"

When THE FREEMAN printed last week beneath the "out" of Milton M. Holland, Esq., "A Noted Washington Artist," it was guilty of an inexcusable mistake, which we hasten this week to correct. We intended, and did write, "A Noted Washingtonian," but for once we trusted the "intelligent compositor" to decipher our hieroglyphics, without asking "proof." Not until the edition was "run off" was the grievous blunder discovered, and what mattered it, that we slew, in the desire, the offending "typo" in cold blood, bathing our hands in the warm, bubbling flood of life, as it gurgled from the orifice in his throat, what was printed, was printed.

Esteemed and worthy Holland, are you satisfied, shades of Phidias, Raphael and the living Lewis, are we forgiven?

FAR GONE.

I know that she is gone away,
Because the sodden skies are gray
Instead of blue;
Because the sun shines hot and fierce
Or else too cold and weak to pierce
The dull clouds through.

Because the thronging crowds I meet
Wear mournful faces on the street,
And downcast eyes;
The horses have a jaded look;
The sparrow chirps from out his nook
With restless cries.

I know that she is gone away,
Because each moment seems a day;
Each day a year;
Because the city lacks that grace
Which marks her mere abiding place
When she is here!

—[Harry Romaine, in Life.

AN AUTOGRAPH.

May the part of Life's wide ocean
On which you hope to sail,
Be ever free from tempest,
From storm and angry gale.

And may good Fortune lead you
Past many a pleasant isle,
To cheer the weary mariner
Through this weary "little while."

—[Richard Owen.

RECORDER TAYLOR'S "FRIENDS."

Recorder Taylor is commencing to realize "uneasy rests the head that wears a crown," while upon the other hand, we doubt not, many of his henchmen of the other day Washingtonians who did special legging for the fat Kansan when he was turning over heaven and hades to obtain his office, are having cause to sympathize with the Thane of Cawder, "and be these juggling fiends no more believed who tamper with us in a double sense." They have a high sounding aggregation of "young" black Democrats in Washington who delight in the euphonious title of the Negro Democratic Congressional Club, which club had a friend they desired Mr. Taylor to give an office. They reminded Mr. Taylor that he had been wont to proclaim himself the friend of the "young educated Negro," also that they, speaking as young Democrats, thought "it was about time" for him to recognize colored Democrats and "carry out his promises," and that inasmuch as the members of the "Congressional," sah! had so far compromised its "dignity, sah!" for such was their air, "as to ask an appointment at your hands, we will expect you to make it at once, instanter, and be thankful we have given you the chance." We can recall the time when Taylor would have blown his breath on that coterie of presuming "sassy" young Democrats and the whole "caboodle" of them would have imitated a sheet of tissue paper in the flames of sheol, as the poisonous blast of his freed life current spent its fetid force upon them, but those were other days, other and happier days, when as a wandering jolly Bohemian, he had no thought of the greatness in store for him, nor dreamed of the cares of office. As it was, Taylor faced the "Congressional" with unblanched cheeks and lost no time in convincing them: First, that he was Recorder. Second, there were other claims beside the solitary one of being a "young Democrat" that might recommend a man for appointment at his hands. Third, he wanted the "head pusher" of the young bucks, a person, Barnes by name, to understand that he (Taylor) knew he (Barnes) had not supported him; further, when Negro Democrats asked for the retention of Negro Republican women, they need not be surprised that he could not do more for Negro Democrats. Fourth, that he could not be frightened by a grasshopper, after spending the best days of his life in the backwoods of Missouri and Kansas, surrounded by wildcats and "injuns," his food being mainly bear's humps and streaks of lightening. Fifth, and scattering, that Mr. Frederick Douglass had done more towards obtaining the office for him than any Negro in the land, and that he did not intend to remove the friends of the "big four," Bruce, Langston, Douglass and Lynch, in order that these gentlemen might take revenge upon him, etc. His time being so taken up with Negro Republicans, he had no time to give to Negro Democrats, in a word he did not intend to be bulldozed. In the meantime we wot not, Taylor, sly fat dog, stands pat and fair with his lady Republican clerks, Douglass, Lynch and Langston, Bruce declined, are enjoying their "pull," while the stormy petrals of the "Congressional" are sadder, if not wiser men.

THE BATTLE IN THE SENATE.

"Beware
Of entrance to a quarrel,
But, being in,
Bear it, that the opposer
May beware of thee."

Polonius' advice to his son must have been the rule that the Maryland Senator has been paddling his life by, anent the growing storm in the Senate, which culminated in the remarkable and dramatic scene of last Monday. Surely nothing like it quite has ever happened before, and not until the cries of the maimed and the wounded are stilled and the smoke of the terrific battle has cleared away, will it be safe to pronounce the extent of the casualties, whether the administration is hurt beyond future use or its own household assailers, wrapping the toga of desperation around them, have sunk to that dreamless sleep known as political death. But we started to say a word of Gorman, Gorman the oily, Gorman the silent, Gorman the smileless, Gorman the ambitious, Gorman the icicle, Gorman the naive, with his rear pocket lined with velvet daggers—or should we say giant firecrackers. For certainly this man that only a few hours before Vest had accused of truculancy and servile sycophancy, this man who seemed the Mephistopheles of the band of senatorial conspirators, without the courage to open his mouth and fight, has raised such a noise about the president's ears, started such a conflagration, as in the palmy days of Gray's Gables, listening to the murmur of the ebbing sea, Grover never dreamed of. It was a day to live in history, and while the letter of the president was startling and unprecedented, the charges against him, and the scathing arraignment, was more so. At this writing, as it looks, either Mr. Cleveland has been guilty of breaches of confidence, of false, misleading impressions, with those of his immediate personal and closest political advisers, so guilty that the shame of the commonest man should possess his soul, or he is the most misunderstood and abused man of his day. One fact stands prominently forth, which needed but the emphasis given it by this battle in the Senate to be seen and admitted by all men, the Democratic party was given a task, through the misdirected confidence of the people, in defeating Benjamin Harrison, the performance of which, it is entirely unequal to. From this off, the Republican party is waiting the necessary time when it will be once more restored to its proper place at the helm of government. When incompetent leaders fall out, competent ones obtain their dues.

The Tariff Reform regime has been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

EDITOR FLEMMING'S DENIAL.

Editor Flemming in the last issue of The Free Speech says:

The First Free Speech of different dates contains articles replying to various attacks upon Miss wells, but to republish them would be unnecessary, because she has always been ungrateful for anything this paper has said about her since it began publication in this city two years ago.

This is followed by a reproduction of an editorial, which appeared in his paper—under date of Jan. 7th '94, which we are glad to record puts editor Flemming in quite a different light than he was left in after the passionate pronounciamento of Miss Wells, reproduced with comment in The FREEMAN of last week. Either Miss Wells must have overlooked the editorial at the time, or appearing in The Free Speech, did not reckon that the circulation of that sheet was sufficient to give point to the denial as effecting the "outside world," hence her arraignment. We suspect therefore, that the Commercial's Charge having been sent broadcast by the Associated Press, that what Miss Wells expected of Mr. Flemming and Nightingale, was a prompt denial of the vile charges over their names, given to the world through the same channel, the Associated Press, as the Commercial's libel was. The charge of The Free Speech, relative to Miss Well's feelings toward that paper, is neither here nor there, the only question of the moment is, was editor Flemming along with the Rev. Mr. Nightingale, guilty of the pusillanimous silence charged by Miss Wells. Mr. Flemming says he was not and we gladly give space to the following going to prove it.

"The helpless condition of our people in the South was shown in an infamous article in the Memphis Commercial of Dec. 15 against Miss Ida B. Wells, formerly of the Memphis Free Speech, but now of the New York age. It was a rehash of the trouble that caused the suspension of the Free Speech last May, and such vile and outrageous language seldom appears in the colomns of the most indecent papers in America. In a contry over which God reigns there would be some recourse at law, but in the South innocent women must submit to a slanderous libel because law and order, fair play and human justice are qualities unknown, so far as the Negro is concerned. Nobody understands the situation better than Carmack, the reptile who wrote the article. He knows that such a lie will not be resented as it should be, and he takes advantage of the situation to slander innocent womenhood. Such a course is Southern chivalry. That part of the screed which refers to the editor of this paper is without effect, and, indeed, it ought not to effect Miss Wells when she considers the source from which it emanates. Seemingly, the owners of the Commercial keep this red-headed villian because he is capable of writing dastardly articles against the Negro. We do not doubt the wisdom or goodness of God, but why such a human vulture as Cormack is permitted to live is a mystery a few links beyond our feeble understanding."

A "STATESMAN" AFTER FORTUNE.

That bluff, and generally level headed editor, Hackley, of The (Denver) Statesman, pays his respects to "Jim Crow" meetings and "whang doodle" methods in the following terse and refreshing manner:

"The stand we took last week on the Jim Crow mass meeting, declining to give Ida Wells an endorsement that she does not need, was entirely correct. Miss Wells' story of her own triumph is already published. Just as The Statesman assured its readers, the good sense and broad information of English men were sufficient to sustain Miss Wells even against the attacks of Southern governors and newspapers. The whang doodle tactics of T. Thomas Fortune, the resurrected president of the dead and forgotten Afro-American League, were therefore wholly unnecessary. The whole glory remains with Miss Wells. In New York, however, Mr. Fortune boomed the mass meeting for all it was worth, after receiving a 'ringing letter' from Fred Douglass, which quietly rang in a suggestion that the 'League' could not hold up the gigantic scheme. Elsewhere the resoluters eschewed the jumping-jack process and quietly prayed for Miss Wells in consistent seclusion. Miss Wells is all right. Her tour has been a glorious one. The black man who cannot see the benefit to arise out of it is to be pitied. The Negro who would rob Miss Wells of any of her rich credit deserves banishment. She has won the everlasting gratitude of her race for the sentiment she has aroused abroad and for the shame she has justly driven home upon the South. No dead man nor abandoned organization ought to attempt to arise from a coffin to an assumed championship of her cause."

Are you a professional man, minister, doctor, lawyer, why invest from $25.00 to $75.00 in a "time piece" for practical every day use? Only creatures with more money than brains do such things these days. Accept a present from THE FREEMAN, the celebrated "Premier" watch.

NEW YORK CITY TO MISS IDA B. WELLS.

We expect the meeting held in New York City recently to protest against mob law, lynching and other modern up to date public "festivities" indulged in by the South, and "incidentally" to "give moral and financial support to Miss Ida B. Wells" was an inspiring affair and quite a gilt edged credit to the Gothamites, but when we consider the fact that the real purpose of the meeting was to raise funds for Miss Wells, and that $50.06 was the total amount drummed up, what must we think of Bro. Fortune's glowing double leaded apostrophe to her philanthropic instinct and liberality as compared to other dozing cities. Indianapolis for instance, the shame of it, and a hundred others in the land that from their lukewarm actions are no more concerned about Miss Wells and her mission abroad than is the man in the moon. But not to lose sight of Fortune and his apostrophe, hear him:

"New York has done its duty. It always does. No draft is ever made upon it, of a commercial, a literary or a humane nature, when it does not respond with the public spirit unexampled in the activity and in the impulses of the Republic. In the meeting at Zion last Monday evening, New York had an opportunity of expressing in emphatic form its protest against mob and lynch law and other discriminations enumerated elsewhere in the Age to-day, upon which we do not need to enlarge here. It is well. As a center of commerce, as a center of literary activity, as the financial pulse of the nation, as a humane heart-beat of a great nation, it is well that New York should strike the keynote of a great nation, especially when the predominant question of human life has been presented in the forum of reason for sympathy and adjudication. All honor to New York. It is a great city. It is a great State. It is the heart pulse of the greatest Republic since Rome's eagle spread its wings over the globe."

We beg to differ tooth and toenail, first, last and all the time, yesterday, to-day and forever, from this sizing up of the truly noble impulses of the two million people, more or less, who comprise the population of the commercial metropolis of the great Atlantic seaboard. A city of two million people! Think of it. The "center of commerce," yes more, a "center of literary activity," the "financial pulse of the nation," the "humane heart-beat of a great nation," all in one and when appealed, to this levithian among American cities, arouses her bulky self and shakes out from the recesses of her gold lined wallets fifty dollars and six red cents, all told, for the maintenance of a human cause and a marker for other cities to go by. Surely there is something wrong here. Either this is not the New York, as in our wild, woolly Western dreams we have beheld and worshipped her from afar, or Fortune is the Mephisto of the whole disappointing nightmare, the one juggling fiend of the "raw" and discouraging affair. He says, midway his apostrophe, "It is well," and we, in the name of the other cities preparing to assist the good cause, deny the allegation and spurn the "alligator," despite its Florida antecedants. It is not well. It is bad, mighty bad. It is a shame, a humiliating shame. As a pace goer, set by the "financial pulse of the nation," it is a failure, rank, rotten, discouraging. For the humane heart-beat of a great nation," bah! When fifty dollars and six little pennies find their way from the averious noooks of two million, thereabouts, of "knickerbocker" purses, "especially when the predominant question of human life has been presented in the form of reason for sympathy and adjudication," we may well pause affrighted and wonder if a "great city" of a "great state," the "heart pulse of the greatest Republic since Rome's eagle spread its wings over the globe," has not gone mad, stark frothing mad, to scatter its wealth with such an unprodigal hand.

Grand Lodge of the I. B. C. Met.

Selma, Ala., Special.

Miss Annie Stone, daughter of our townsman, Mr. P. Stone, is on a visit to friends at Mobile, Ala. Mr. E. looks very sad. A grand reception was given on the 20th at the residence of Mrs. Robt. Dillard in honor of Selma's young string band. Willie Lake, brother of Jeff Lake, shot himself accidentally by carrying a pistol in his bosom. His many friends hope that he will soon be up and well. Mrs. J. S. Curtis is visiting relatives in Meridian, Miss. Willie E. Cobbs, of Washington, D. C., is on a visit to relatives in Selma. Miss Emma Garriett has been chosen as teacher in our city school. Apply for The Freeman to J. Hatcher Evans, 1010 Washer street. The Grand lodge I. B. of C.'s met in Montgomery, Ala., on the 16th, spending three days in session. J. H. Crochorn, Supreme Master, presided. Election as follows: Prof. Sol Hytower, of Montgomery, Ala., Grand Master of Alabama, Supreme; Ed. Jones, Secretary; N. H. Jackson, Grand Deputy; N. A. Sullivan, Grand Lecturer. Miss Mary Vernon was appointed Supreme Queen; H. A. Platt, Vice Supreme Queen. J. H. Crochorn, Supreme Master, was highly recommended for his good words for the order, and said next time the Grand Lodge met there would be twelve new lodges in the state of Alabama. Mr. Crochorn left for Georgia to hold the Grand Lodge in session in that state. Miss Augusta Hopson has returned home from a visit to northwest Alabama, where she spent several days with relatives.

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ABOUT WEST AFRICA

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trance—so much so that a skilled pilot always takes charge of the vessel before the captain would dare allow her to be brought into port. This pilot, to my agreeable surprise, was a pure African. You can have but a faint idea of our ecstatic joy to see a black Negro in complete charge of a great steamship, while a white man stood by only to obey orders given by this son of Ham. Then again we were thrown into a fit of joy and hope for the African race when the general agent of Elder, Demstey & Co., the greatest steamship company of Liverpool, England, turned out to be an educated and highly cultured Negro, educated in France, and had traveled very nearly around the world. In fact, nearly all the important offices are held by men of color.

It being Good Friday, we went ashore and worshiped at the Wesleyan Church, where Bishop Turner preached a wonderful sermon. The Bishop acquitted himself with honors. I was amused after the services when the doctor of our ship, who also heard the Bishop's sermon, said to me: "Look here, Mr, Ridgel, Bishop Turner, is an educated man and a fine theologian. I never was so agreeably surprised as I was this morning on hearing his sermon. The sermon would have been a credit to the congregation in Westminster Abbey." I will say just here that Bishop Turner was invited to speak in the great Exeter Hall in London, one of the first halls of the world's metropolis. I grew a hundred feet on hearing this compliment conferred upon one of our bishops, and upon a man who by dint of courage and hard study has won an enviable position in the literary world.

But to the point. After two days' steady sailing from Bathurst, we came to the leading city along the African coast—Freetown. Sierra Leone. The city presents a beautiful picture from the sea.

More anon.

NODDING PLUMES

Of Helena Knights, Garnished with the Sunlight of Victory—Personals.

Helena, Ark., Special.

The Grand Lodge K. of P. of Helena, Ark., met in the city of Hot Springs Ark , on July the 10th 11th and 12th. They were received with a hearty welcome by everybody. The session was a large and a harmonious one, being one of the best ever held in the State.

The entertainments were par exc ellent; all enjoyed themselves to their extent. Tuesday night the address of welcome was delivered by Dr. A. E. Torrence, of Hot Spring, in a masterly manner. The response was delivered by Sir W. C. Cox, of Helena, which was listened to with interest. The music, songs and recitations that followed were fine. Wednesday night the Daughters of Calanthe gave a banquet in honor of the visiting Knights and Divisions. The Hall was crowded to its utmost, and the tables were filled with all that one's appetite called for. Tuesday night the Odd Fellows pavilion was crowded to the overflowing. The competitive drill between the Division of Helena and Hot Springs, was exciting for awhile. The Helenian Knights with more agility than the Hot water boys clearly out pointed them in every respect and won the drill "in a gallop." The officers elected while in session were: P. G. C. Alonzo; W. Stone, Hot Springs; G. C.-Wm. C. Cox, Helena; G. V. C. H. L. Walker, Hot Springs; G. P.-J. D. Lawson Pine Bluff; G. K. of R. S. M.H. Hawkins, Camden; G. M. of E. Jas. C. Harris, Pine Bfuff; G. L. A. Alford, G. M. S. Jones. Hot Springs; G. M. R.-Dr. A. G. Banks, Hot Springs G. O. G.-J. W. Adams, Helena; G. I G.-Wm. Grey, Hot Springs; G. M. at A. W. C. Kelly, Texarkana; Supreme rep, Alonzo; A. Stone, J. T. T. Warren. The next of meeting Texarkana.

One of the teachers of Peabody school was around by some action to distinguish herself by runing out of her premises, and breaking a croquet mallet over another lady's head. Is there any moral teachers now-a-days. The "Higher Tones" went on a fishing tour, overland route, well supplied with everything to satiate any appetite, their destination was Bailey's Lake, Lee, Co., the party was composed of Prof. Jas. E. Carter, A. M. and J. M. Alexander, Mack Branner and Jeff Bright, they spent two or three days catching and eating trout, fish were caught to an excess.

The Grand Juvenile Cantata, that was being worked up by Mrs. Rev. G. W. Swan, whose ill health forced her to the Searcy Springs, was perfected last week in the grandest style at the A. M. E. church, under the management of Miss Whiting. The ttendence was very large. The several different pieces was very attractive. The title of the Cantata was, "a Visit to Grandpa." M. E. W. Lawrence was grandpa, and Mrs. M. G. Turner was grandma, they kept the audience smiling with their quaint action. The "Duette—The two dolls" Mrs. Mary Williams, and Florence West, was very good with gesture to suit the music, solo and chorus, Sleep Little Darling, by grandma and others, very good for an old lady. Miss Emma E. Burris sang a solo "Memories" in soprano voice, which was highly aplauded. To conclude, the gay contata's became very serious over the finding of Miss Emma Burris out at the gate as a poor little orphan, and bring her in to tell the sad story, which was done in a solo, and responded to with a chorus, it was very effective to some who has realized such. The cantata was excellent throughtout, it was pleasing to all, none regreted coming though it was very warm. Each praticipant acted his part well.

Mr. Alexs People has returned from Hot Springs, and excepted the position as a mill wright, at the O. W. formly occupied by the late S. L. Lamkin. Through strenous effort Miss L. D. L amkins succeeded in getting the money of her late father from the First National. Several nights ago Robt. Griffin stole policeman John J. Jones' horse from the stable and skipped; But Mr. Jones caught him at Pine City. He is now in jail resting from his labor. Prof. L. D. Wilson left the city a few hours to accompany his wife to Searcy Springs for her health. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunter has returned from Macon, Ga. Mrs. Jerry Warren has been very ill. The L. O. C. is having prosperous meeting. Mr. Fred Drew is teaching his district school. The entertainment at the 2nd Baptist church was well attended, it was a success socially and financially. Richard Thompson has been in the habit of jumping on the L. N. O. and T. R. R. and riding a half mile to the city, as he and the yardman were on good terms; but when he jumped on the other day he was, without any warning kicked by the yardman, Rich returned the blow and jumped off, but was arrested, fined $15.00 for trespassing, he was black.

The Y. M. L. and S. club met at the A. M. E. church. Vice president Monroe Wilson was in the chair, the meeting opened with singing on page 199 "Why do you wait dear brother," reading scripture, James 4:1, verses, singing page 433 "What shall the harvest be." Prayer Chas. Anderson, singing page 428 "What a friend we have in Jesus." The subject for debate was—Resolved that labor striking is beneficial to the Negro. M. D. Smith, M. A. Alexander, and Rev. B. H. Johnson ngatives: Chas. Anderson, Fred Taylor and Wm. C. Cox, affirmative. The discussion was alternate. After several minutes had pasted the president stopped the argument in its fever, and put the decision before the house, it was given to the affirmative. The Helena Base Ball club gave one of the finest socials of the season at the K. of P. Hall for the purpose of raising a fund toward a new uniform for the club. Everything was arranged to the "Queen's" taste. Music by Prof. and Mgr. D. Amps' band turned the young people's attention to the terpsichorean art, which lasted until a wee small hour. Alf. Harden and John Mansfield, committee of arrangement.

A Baptist Anniversary.

Metropolis, Ill., Special.

Mrs. Mary Nicholls, of Mayfield, Ky., is visiting relatives. Mr. Wm. Moody and wife Adah Moody (nee Miss Adah Turnbo) was with us last week they returned to their home at Peoria Friday. Emanual Grace is improving at this writing. The 28th anniversary of the Baptist Church, and the 20th year of Rev. F. Robinson's service as pastor of the same was observed Sunday by a concourse of ministers and friends, a goodly number came down from Golcouda, the following divines were present: Elders Knowles. Allison, Head, and Blackwell, of Cairo. Rev. T. Clemons, of New Grand Chain, Chas. Phillips of Golconda. The services were very interesting and conducted as follows: J. H. Knowles preached the opening sermon from 90th Psalms 17 and 16th, verses. "Theme God shining in his house." T. A. Head the anniversary sermon, Matt. 5th and 16th, connected with John 15th and 6th. H. Allison preached the closing sermon at evening. J. F. Blackwell held the fort at the A. M. E. church, subject from Exodus, 14 & 14, "The Lord shall fight your battle &c". The subjects were handled only as masters handle. Proceeds of the day $43 15

Fatal shooting near Brooklyn. Satday evening Henry Vause a widower, who was keeping batch 2 or 3 miles North East of Brooklyn, took supper at J. T. Turnbo's, who is his son in law, and as he was returning to his home after supper, David Moore is said to have been lying in wait for him in a little bunch of grass, and on jumping up he scared Vause and they were talking very loud quarreling, Turnbo heard the unusual loud talking, and went to the scene, and succeeded in getting them quieted, each promising to have nothing more to do with the matter. But David failed to keep his part of the promise, and shot Vause in the abdomen, Dr. Norris was sent for Sunday morning, but stated that the case would prove fatal, at this writing he is not expected to live through the day. David was captured Sunday night and lodged in the county jail. The whole affair grew out of a quarrel between the two parties while has under the influence of liquor during the last primary Election. Each one has his way of telling his story. Vause is a man of about 50 or 60, David about 21 years. Our people will celebrate the 8th of Aug., at Owens Ferry opposite Paducah, on the Ill., shore.

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By President S. T. Mitchell.

WILBERFORCE, OHIO.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

DEAR SIR:—Miss Adelia S. Gates, visiting some of the sections of North Western Europe, and noting how widely different were the country, the people, the customs from her pre-conceived notions, through historic narrative, wrote me:—"Oh, how little do we know, yet how much we know falsely!"

A few weeks ago, an Editorial in the Christian Recorder, severe in its stated and inferential allusions to the "local management" of Wilberforce University beyond even the intention of the editor, as he admitted to me afterward, startled the Church, the trustees and the friends of Wilberforce generally. Instantly your columns were proffered me for reply and the very considerate, very courteous position taken that comment would be with held until I should be heard from. Thanking you most sincerely for your kind offer, permit me to say that I do not even now take up my pen to break the undeviating course of the past ten years in refraining from public refutation of personal detraction; though, in this case, a very frank letter from the editor of the Recorder disclaims any reference in the Editorial either to myself or to my administration.

While I was unable to invent any satisfactory explanation of the fact that the editor had remained a week at Wilberforce, through the entire session of its trustee board, spending hours in company with myself and colleagues, and had not referred even remotely to the "lax local management," and the sway of students that bordered on the immoral—while no committee was asked to investigate with the presence, for several days of a hundred trustees and eminent men, intelligent, fearless, honorable without the intimation of criminal or even under laxity from any,—with a number of students publicly asserting that the President would not grant their request, which would hardly indicate unlimited license, I could but conjecture the editor had been wantonly misinformed.

A trip to Washington on business, brought me to his office in Philadelphia. I carried records of the University faculty. Case after case was laid before him. Expulsion of two for improper absence from premises; suspension of three for playing a prohibited game; forbiddance of one to enter premises under penalty of law. Several other minor infractions tried and punished, were by sons of prominent trustees; one, not immoral brought in by the head of the faculty, involved his own child.

The editor saw as he had never seen before, and contrary to the false lights that had been held up before him, and with a frankness creditable alike to his high station and Christian character, he gives to his readers in last week's Recorder the following: "We are so well pleased with the result of subsequent observations and observation along the lines mentioned that we cheerfully turn our weapons of censure into instruments of praise. The regime operating without noise, the discipline administered without fear or favor, the prompt application and enforcement of rule without respect of persons, are things for which the public will be pleased to know that Wilberforce is to be credited even above some of the more favored institutions of the land. We greatfully acknowledge our indebtedness to the Zenia Gazette, and to President Mitchell for eye openers and instructive points along the line of local management at Wilberforce. Our ideas and contentions are greatly modified."

Above I have outlined what I said to the editor. "Will you permit me to append the "Gazette" editorial referred to which my editorial appeared in the Hernia daily without my knowledge or suggestions.

(Owing to lack of space the article referred to from the Gazette will appear in our next).—EDITOR FREEMAN.

A WHITE MAN'S

Tribute to an Able Race Man in a Foreign Land.

Wellington, B. C., Special.

EDITOR FREEMAN: Please be kind enough to allow me space in your valuable paper to make mention of Rev. E. T. Demby, A. B., B. D , of this place. The reverend gentleman came to this city last October, and has won a name that will never die in Wellington. Mr. Demby is a young man, between twenty-four and twenty-five years old. He received his normal training at the Centenary Biblical Institute, now known as Morgan College. He studied classics at Lincoln University; also studied the languages under Prof. Parnsley, of Philadelphia. He studied divinity at Howard University and was the best Hebrew and Greek student in the divinity school. Mr. Demby is a graduate of Payne Theological Seminary. I quote what some of the leading papers say about him:

Victoria Colonist—"Rev. E. T. Demby, of Wilmington, Del., but now of Wellington, B. C., is one of the most effective young pulpit orators of the A. M. E. Church." The Wilmington Republican—"Prof. Demby is Delaware's best educated youth, and as a Greek, Hebrew, Latin and Arabic scholar, he is fine." Prof. Rogers, A. B., the Presbyterian minister here, says that "the Rev. Mr. Demby is a Hebrew and Greek man." Mr. Demby taught three years in Delaware, of whom Lawyer Conrad, the then actuary of the county schools, says: "Demby was one of his best teachers.

There are a very few colored people here—not enough to support the Doctor, so he had to open a night school, which was attended very well. But what I want to say is that several of my race (white), two of whom were graduates from Canada's best college, came as students to study Hebrew Bible and Greek, and remarked that they would show the "nigger preacher up." Mr. Demby says to them, "Please translate '*Lakhen hakku line' um yehova(h) leyom gumi le anh kimishpatile e soph go-yim,'* etc , and give me, Mr. ——, the principles parts of '*isopharizein,*' " and they reminded me of a knot on a tree However they begged the Reverend to not let it out. Hence they were showed up instead of the "nigger preacher," as they called Mr. Demby.

This question was asked Mr. Demby: "Who are the greatest linguists of color in America?" and he said "Prof. W. S. Scarborough, A. M, LL. D., Ph. D.; Prof. Gregory, of Howard University; Bishop B. F Lee, Mrs. Dr. F. Coppin, Rev. I. G. Roundtree and others, but be it remembered Prof. Scarborough is an author of classic works—in fact, is the only true linguist of color in the States." Again, "Mr. Demby what colored colleges are there in America?" "Wilberforce University, Howard University, Paul Quinn College, Lincoln University, Morgan College, Knoxville College, etc."

"What do you think of the lynching of your people in the South?" "Well, in short, I think it is a crime that has no equal, and it is only a question of time when your people will become more educated in humane philosophy and learn to respect law and order, when your ministers there preach Christ and the principles of brotherhood there will be a great change."

"Who are the leading editors of your race?" "George L. Knox, H. T. Johnson, John Mitchell, jr., T. Thomas Fortune and Allison Sweeney."

"Who are your great statesmen?" "Frederick Douglass, Blanche K. Bruce, John Mercer Langston, George W. Murry, W. D. McCoy, John L. Lynch, etc."

Mr. Demby is indeed an intelligent young man. Just to look at him you would put him down for no scholar. The most that he says in conversation is yes or no, unless the subject is one of importance. The Doctor is getting ready to meet the Puget Sound A. M. E. Conference, which meets next month. We fear that we will not have him with us another year, though there is not enough of his people here to support him, yet they say they would like the Bishop to send him back. God bless Bro. Demby, and may his race keep a watchful eye over him, and may he live long and do much for his race. A helper of your race,

HENRY BIGGS (white).

Hack Driver Cuts a Street Car Driver.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Felix Buckner, a hack driver of this city cut and fatally wounded a street car driver here recently. He was charged with assualt and battery. Mr. Norman R. Kimbrough, a late employe of Chas. D. Keesee has resigned his job. Albert W. Merrywether, has accepted a position with a mintrel company at Annapolis. Clarsville has a ball team that ranks third in the South. Shep Kelley and Charlie Warfield wants a position in some league team in the South. A barbecue was given at Needmore July 21st in which G. Q Boyd delivered an eloquent speech. Jas. Frasure, a lad that went away from home is said to have had his leg factured. Bud Radford who has been residing with Will Davison was "fired" July 19th. Calwell Henderson one of Wm. Bucks first class and "sporting barbers," has returned from Shelbyville Tenn., where he has been visiting relatives. Jack Mallory who was recently employed by Dr. McCauley, is the "champion brick presser." Willie L. Johnson the noted and efficent reporter for the Freeman here has many dangerous adventures in this immediate profession "among despradoes and braggerts but he keeps his business correct. Jesse Dunlap who was an important trustee of Judge Taylor died a few days ago. He spent much of his career in the "White City" having a situation in the custom house, deceased about 25 years of age.

He leaves a wife. Miss Eva Pinton, one of our little St. John quartet singers, was thrown into a spell of hysterics recently. She is supposed to have become suffocated and fainted. Miss H. E. Taylor, the renowned female evangelist had about two coaches of excursionist to attend her sermon. "Dry bones in the valley" was well attended by some of her local friends. After the sermon she was congratulated, and received loud applauses and thusiasm. Willie Windom "better known as Wisdom, or Morbough will show his superiorty as a singer at the Mitchel's church. He has the supremacy over all comes, and he has a voice that is "up to date." He will have several participants to assist him. Among them are G. L. Boyd. Miss Callie Blaine is visiting friends in Legalle Tenn. Miss Nannie Dix has returned from Cedar Hill. Miss Jane Hawkins is visiting Miss Jeff Anna Cross. A party was given at the residence of Miss Harriet Cross in which the prohibonist and participants had luxuries "out of sight" and had what is called "that time."

CHURCH COMPANIES MEET

And Make Report—A Splendid Programme Sandwiched

Between—Dual History of "Old Glory"—Its Three Stages of Growth—A Most Eloquent and Instructive Address.

Wilmington, Del., Special.

The Church Companies' Contest took place at Union American M. E. Church, on French street, above 12th, on July 19, the Charles Sumner Post, No. 4, Department of Delaware, being their invited guest. The exercises of the evening began with an organ voluntary by Miss Susie Williams, followed by a chorus by the choir, "Great and Marvelous is Thy Work, Lord God Almighty," after which was an invocation by the pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Guy, followed by another chorus, "Fear Thou Not, for I thy God am with Thee," by the choir. This was followed by reports from the different companies. Company A, Mrs. Elizabeth Elbert, captain, reported $9. The company was then addressed by Post Commander Isaac Fisher. Company B, Mrs. Marietta captain, reported $16. She then treated her company to a short address, telling of the great services rendered in the war by this company, not but that all the companies did nobly, but her address at large was to Company B. Mr. Joseph Seeney, captain Company C, reported $3.60. He also addressed his company, in the course of which he spoke of the hard fight and bloody struggle at Ft. Wagner, in which this company was one of the many that helped swell the thousands who made a history for themselves that never will be forgotten while a colored American lives. Mrs. Ida Murdock, captain of Company D, reported $14 16. She addressed her company, telling of the great fight this company was in near Mechanic Bridge, where forty-three of the company walked in at the beginning of this fight and only three were able to walk out, the rest being killed and wounded. Talk about bravery! No nation on the face of the globe can show and stand up to more bravery and hardships than the black man.

Company E, Mrs. Caroline Caulk, captain, reported $10 95. The address was by little Miss Bertha Seeney, who told of the race of the Seventh Maryland and Ninth Pennsylvania to reach Richmond. Chorus, "Hail Columbia" by the choir.

Company F, owing to its captain, Mr. Wesley Johnson, being absent from the city, did not report. Chorus, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," by the choir. The report of Company G was made by its captain, Mr. David Wright, who being an old sailor, made a pretty spicy speech, though he was checkmated on account of the shortness of time. Company H, Rev. Wm. H. Guy, captain, reported $8 60. His company was addressed by the Rev. Hubert, who enlisted and went to the front with the first colored troops from New York city, Rev. Hubert told how he traveled through the South-land, foot-sore and weary, with his regiment and how that God had been merciful to him all through the war, and had permitted him with others to come back from the war, and how he had been faithful to the flag of his country—how he is now holding up the blood-stained banner of Christ, and how he expects one day to rest under the white flag of peace in Beulah Land. Company I reported $9.

The report of the companies was followed by select reading by Miss Essie Fisher. The Joiners was very good.

While waiting for the judges to make their report, P. W. Price was called on for a short address. He told how he thought that all had been amply benefitted by being there. He said so much had been said to the soldier, yet not enough could ever be said of the privileges and benefits these dear old soldiers have bought for us "Let me say a few words for our flag Our flag, did I say? Why did I not say the ladies flag? Our flag has a triple history The first from a woman, the second from General George Washington, and the last glory that 'Old Glory' received was the proud position that brave colored soldiers gave it in the late rebellion. June 14th, 1777, a Mrs. Ross, on Arch street, Philadelphia, made the first thirteen-stripe-and-thirteen-star flag that ever waved under the bright sunlight of Heaven. The ladies should feel proud to think that one of their sex, 117 years ago, made the only flag that is recognized to-day on this Western continent. Woman made this flag that floats from every custom-house and every schoolhouse in this country. Why should she not be proud? On September 3, 1777, General Washington accepted this flag, and Congress, in the city of Philadelphia, adopted it as the United States flag. It held this position until the Southern States seceded from the Union, and it was then these noble braves were called upon to defend it and to add more glory to it than it ever had before. Woman gave it its first glory, Congress elevated it to a United States flag, but these brave boys in blue elevated it to a National flag. Wherever you find an American to-day you will find Old Glory, and wherever she flutters in the breeze she means liberty and freedom to American citizens. I know that we don't always get this liberty, freedom and protection that is due to us, but I just hint at these things to night to let you know that they are ours, and we must have them. This old flag means protection to the black man from the snow capped mountains of the frigid north to the gulf-washed shores of the sunny land of Florida. This old flag means freedom to the black man from away in the west, where the great Pacific rolls, to the great East, where the turbulent Atlantic flows. Let me say to our young women that it is for you to take up the line where the soldiers lay it down. Talk about the problem! You see what great advancement our race has made in thirty years. Do you be noble, be virtuous, be sober, and this old race prejudice, this old colorphobia, will be wiped out of existence. And ere the 20th century has reached his 1994th year, I do not hesitate a moment in saying that some little colored girl now living will be a black President's grandmother. Before 1994, therefore, I urge you young women to be virtuous, so that when you shall marry and have a family around, you teach your boys to love the flag. Tell them what part their grandfathers took in helping to make it a National flag. Tell him all you can about it, and he will love and defend it in manhood. If I but had tha erudition of an Aristotle, or the ready pen of a Shakespeare, the benefits of this old flag would I hand down from generation to generation. If Providence, in His infinite goodness and mercy, should see fit to prolong my life to a ripe old age, I shall look back upon the scenes of this night as being among the most pleasant of my life."

The judges being ready, reported $72 16 collected from companies. The following-named gentlemen served as judges: Mr. J. H. Price, jr., Mr. Burroah and Mr. Seeney.

The friends were then invited to the hall of the church, where a committee of ladies had a table laden with all the delicacies of the season. The congregation was then dismissed with the benediction by Rev. Daniel B. Anderson.

Mr. Wilson Hemsley, one of our prominent citizens, has bought a fine three-story brick dwelling at No. 1315 Wilson street. Mr. John Benson has opened a new barber shop on Eighth street, between Market and King sts. He has his shop neatly fitted up. On Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., the Afro-Americans of this city enjoyed one of the finest concerts of the season by the most distinguished artists of Philadelphia, at Zion M. E. Church. Mr. I. R. Strange, the greatest Negro tragedian of the age; Mme. Bertha Perry, the celebrated warbler, made her first appearance in Wilmington, but captured her audience with ease. Mr. W. I. Powell, the celebrated baritone and king of fun, with his excellent renditions swayed his audience time and time again.

Mr. Eugene Baxter, late of the conservatory of music of Philadelphia, presided at the piano. Mr. Thomas E. Postles was in Middletown, Del., a few days ago, and assisted in the burial of Mr. George Crisden with the rites of Freemasonry.

Teachers' Institute Officers Elected.

Bowling Green, Ky., Special.

The Teachers' Institute convened in this city July 16th, conducted by Prof. W. B. Ferguson, of this city. The session lasted five doys. There were forty-four teachers enrolled. President, J. B. Winroe; secretary, E. L. Beauchamp. During the Institute a reading circle and association were organized. President of reading circle, Prof. W. B. Ferguson; secretary, Miss L. E. Claypool; president of association, G. A. Jones; secretary, C. L. McCutchen. Miss Annie Wilson returned from Covington, Ky., a few days since, bringing as her guest Miss Allen. The camp meeting, which is being conducted by Rev. A. Williams, is largely attended each night. An excellent program was rendered Monday night at the M. E. Church by the Epworth League. Rev. W. H. Pope pastor of that church is doing much for its advancement. Quite a large crowd attended the meeting at Gailee Sunday. Misses Lizzie Loring and Lizzie Wilson have returned from Hopkinsville where they spent a few days last week. Misses Julia Perkins and Mollie Martin have returned to the city. The young men's club (O. O. F. Z) gave a social at the residence of Mrs. Willis. All enjoyed themselves until quite late. Those present were Misses Josie Strange, Josie Burch, Jossie Kelley Maggie House, Maggie Howed, Ruphene Briggs, Fannie Evans, Lizzie Western, Anna Diggins, Pearl McCutchen, Kate Withers, Ella and Mary Daviess, Messers G. W. Ferguson, W. G. Edwards, Nora Walker, Henry Duncan, Sameul Willis, Schuyler Nelson, Lonnie Brown, Ed. Stiggins. The Eureka club gave a grand entertainment at Webb's Hall Thursday night, there was a cake walk at the A. M. E. church Friday night. Miss Pearl Steward has returned home after several weeks visit in Louisville Miss Clara Bibb died last week.

Oranges and Apples.

Ansonia, Conn., Special.

Rev. Edward Johnson, pastor of the Macedonia Baptist church, will preach from the theme "Boldness at the Throne of Grace," July 28th. Clinton A. M. E. Zion church, at Derby, Conn., Rev. W. B. Bowen, pastor, anticipates a grand rally in the near future. The "orange and apples" for use in the hands of solicitors for aid on the occasion were displayed on the evening of the 22nd at the close of service.

NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSION

Via. the C. H. & D. R. R.

Under agreement of the Trunk Lines, it was decided that no Niagara Falls cheap excursions would be run this year until after the first of August. The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad will run one of their famous excursions to Niagara Falls at the usual low rate, sometime about the first or second week in August. These excursions were discontinued last year owing to the World's Fair, and it is expected that they will be larger than ever this year. Lookout for the announcement of them in this paper.

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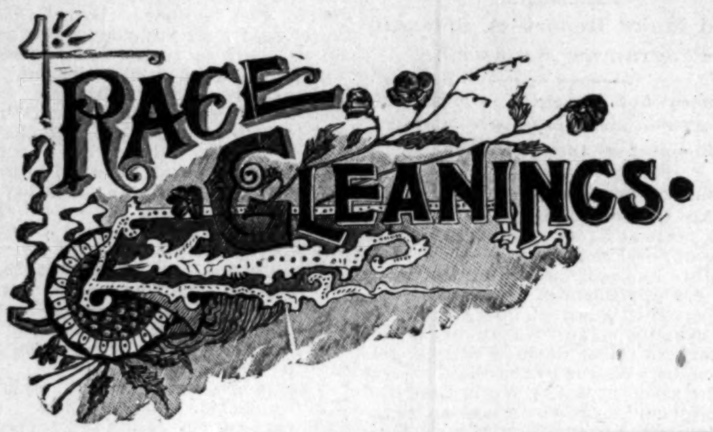

RACE GLEANINGS.

The colored wheelmen, of Austin, Tex., have organized a bicycle club.

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Mississippi has lynched 162 persons in eight years, 151 of whom were Negroes.

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The colored Republicans of Alabama held a convention in Birmingham on July 12.

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The Louisiana Legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the inter-marriage of tne races.

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Kentucky, Alabama and Louisiana have declared Separate Coach laws unconstitbtional.

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A. J. Moore, of Waco, Tex., has been elected president of the Texas State Teachers' Association.

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W. P. Thirkiel, president of Gammon Theological University, has gone aboard for the year to study.

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Miss J. Robinson and Prof. Boyd, both of Chicago, are noted aeronants and parachute jumpers.

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Colored men are leaving Selma every day to take the places of the white strikers at Meridian Miss.

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There are more than 2,000 colored people employed by the Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroad company.

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The Colored Men's Republican League of Cook county, Illinois, has endorsed Miss Wells' English work.

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Several colored men in jail at Piano, Texas, for gambling, pried the look off the doors of the cells and escaped last week.

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Henry Mitchell, employed in the E. T. U. & G. shops at Selma Ala., is the only colored Cabinet workman on the whole Rail Road system.

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A very strong petition has been presented to the Louisiana Legislature by some of the leading white citizens of New Orleans against lynching.

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R. N. Hyde, a prominent citizen of Des Moines, Ia., was recently awarded $7.50 damages and cost of case against the Oxford restaurant of that city.

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Bishop Adam Grant, of Atlanta, Ga., is the executor of the estate of the late prelate, Rt. Rev. T. M. D. Ward, which is said to be worth about $20,000.

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Mr. Emmitt J. Scott, who has been employed for three years on the Daily Post of Houston, has bought a controlling interest in the Texas Statesman.

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The school board of Duval county, Florida, has decided to keep open five white schools of Jacksonville eight months and seven colored schools six months.

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Prof. J. W. Collet, a member of the faculty of New Orleans University, died there recently, after a short illness. He had been married but a short time.

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The Industrial Institute at Manasas, Va., had quite an interesting celebration July 4th. Prof. Clifford is president of the institution. Among the speakers were Hon. Geo. W. Murray, and Prof. W. S. Montgomery.

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Mr. William Dixon, president of the Wheeler's and Agricultural Association of Tennessee is a candidate for the Legislature trom Henry county, that State. Mr. Dixon is one of the most active and thorough-going Negroes in Tennessee.

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James Ball, colored, was riddled with bullets, and burned by a mob in Cheathean county Tenn. He was arrested on the charge of killing a child, and burning a house at Bullsboro, and on the way to jail the mob overtook him.

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William Jackson lives on a farm near Middletown Del. Ten years ago Jackson, now in his eighteenth year was a healthy well developed Negro boy very dark in 1884 Jackson observed the beginning of astonishing changes, which nature was about to make in his appearences, this was a minute white spot on the right shoulder hardly larger than a pinhead, in three years the size of this white spot was equal to that of a silver half dollar, several other spots in the mean time made their appearience on different parts of the body, the entire surface of Jackson's chest is white upon the front of the neck the changes are complete. This face is fast becoming white also.

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The managers of the Peoples' Advocate, a weekly paper published by colored men of Atlanta, Ga., are making arrangements to transform their paper into a daily. They have designed the middle of August as the time for the change to occur.

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There were fifteen colored miners shot down at Pratt's Mines, Ala., Monday, the 15th, inst., and one of them will die. Sixty-five of the mob have been arrested and warrants have been sworn out for the arrest of fifty more. Many of the prisoners cannot speak English.

Dedication of Provident Hospital.

Balt., Md., Special.

The dedicatien of the Providence Hospital 419 W. Orchard Street, took place at the Academy of music Concert Hall on Wednesday evening July 25, at 8 p. m. sharp, Street M. E. Sunday School will join their annual excursion to Round Bayou on Tuesday July 30th '94. Rev. Dr. E. W. S. Peck and family left this City last week for their Summer Resort where they will spend the heated months of July and Aug. The Camp meetings are having a grand time in our City. The teachers Convention will take place in this City on July 24-25-26-27 at North Street Baptist Church, there will be over 300 delegates in attendance Mr. Fred Lee is very sick and has been for some time, Mr. W. H. Hackett is also sick, but is better.

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Some Candidates For The Bishopric.

Ft. Smith, Ark., Special.

We know of no paper so extensively read in Arkansas as The Freemen. You can scarcely enter a village, town or city where it has not a weekly circulation of twenty or thirty copies. Its weekly visitation is like so many letters in one mail from friends in all parts of the state. Stephen Harrison has again assumed command of its weekly distribution in Ft. Smith, and we bespeak for him a liberal patronage from all classes. Mr. Harrison has the distinction of belonging to one of the most distinguished families in the West. His eldest brother, Prof. Robt. Harrison, is the popular mail agent between Ft. Smith and Little Rock; While Henry is porter in the First National bank, and Joseph is porter in the American National bank. General Conference talk is the principal theme among ministers out West, especially so since the death of Bishop Ward renders tne election of three new Bishops essentially necessary. The popular names among Western minister in connection with that high office are Dr. P. W. Wade, D. D., of Little Rock; Dr. Coppin, editor of A. M. E. Review, and Dr. Shaffer, Secretary of Church Extension Society. Dr. Derrick is also quite popular in Arkansas and has many friends who are anxiously awaiting the outcome of his controversy with Rev. Ridgel.

Dr. Emery's chances are slim, though his friends are many, as Taxas already has two general officers and one Bishop. Dr. Wade is to the Southwest what Bishop Ward was to California. He has erected churches at Ft. Smith, Augusta, Batesville, and paid a debt of $5,000 on Bethel, at Little Rock. Dr. Wade was the first presiding elder of the Indian Territorial work, putting it in its present shape to be organized into the Indian Mission Conference The Indian Conference is now self-supporting and has the outlook of becoming one of our most lucrative fields of labor.

Dr. Wade was tendered a reception here on his return from the recent meeting of the Church Extension Society, at Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Burney were host and hostess, with the following guests: Prof. Robt. Harrison and wife, of Little Rock; Mrs. George Winston, Mrs. Alex. May, Mrs. Martin Bridges, Mrs. Skillings, B. F. Kane, the popular Ninth street grocer, and Rev. G. D. P. Rucker, pastor of A. M. E. church.

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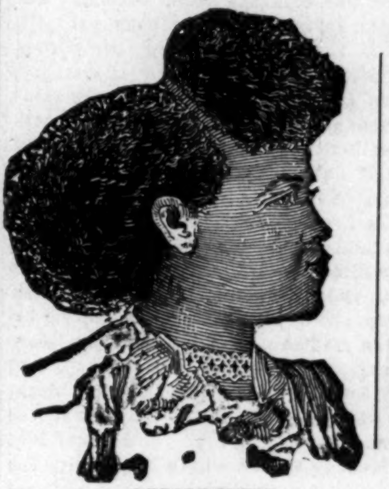

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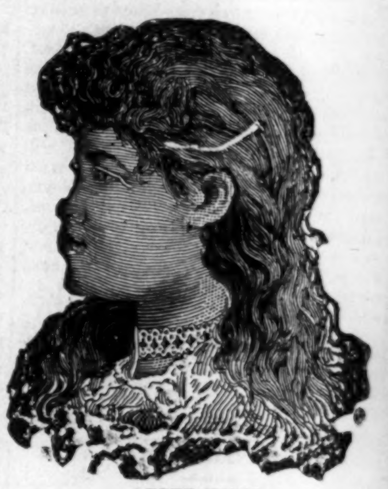

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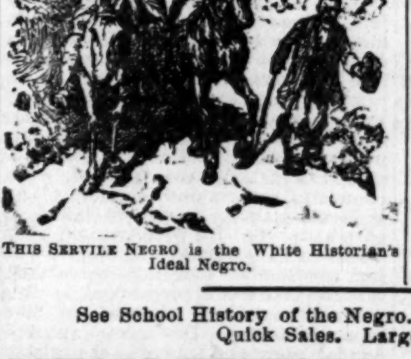

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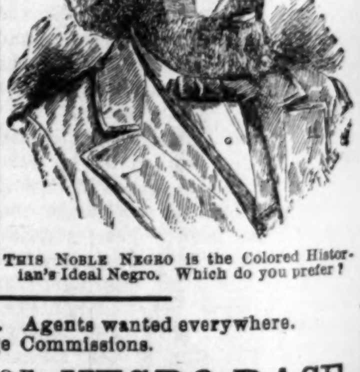

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For who the pleasure of the spring shall tell,
When on the leafless stalk the brown buds swell,
When the grass brightens and the days grow long,
And little birds break out in rippling song?

O sweet and dropping eve, the blush of morn,
The starlit sky, the rustling fields of corn,
The soft airs blowing from the freshening seas,
The sun-flecked shadow of the stately trees,
The mellow thunder and the lulling rain,
The warm, delicious, happy summer rain,
When the grass brightens and the days grow long,
And the little birds break out in rippling song!

O beauty manifold from morn till night,
Dawn's flush, noon's blaze and the sunset's tender light!
O fair, familiar features, changes sweet
Of her revolving seasons, storm and sleet
And golden calm, as slow as she wheels through space,
From the snow to roses—and how dear her face,
When the grass brightens, when the days grow long,
And little birds break out in rippling song!

O happy earth! O home so well beloved!
What recompense have we from thee removed?
One hope we have that overtops the whole—
The hope of finding every vanished soul
We hope and long for daily, and for this
Gladly we turn from thee and all thy bliss,
Even at thy loveliest, when the days are long,
And little birds break out in rippling song.

—[CELIA THAXTER.

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Madam Sissieretta Jones, "The Black Patti," is now under the management of Miss Ednorah Nahar, as is also Miss Florence Robinson, the stat[illegible]poser.

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For the celebration of the 60th birthday of the Dowager Empress of China [illegible]00,000 taels (about $15,000,000) have been collected, and efforts are being made to raise the sum to 30,000,000 taels.

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Miss Ida Platt, a proficient musician and stenographer of Chicago, Ill., graduated from the Chicago College of Law with the degree of Bachelor of Law. She will paactice in her city.

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The Princess Maud, of Wales, is said to be known in her own family circle almost exclusively as "Harry;" she is so playful and sportsmanlike. But she is also an excellent cook and gardener.

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Mrs. Julia J. Irvin, a graduate of Cornell University, is understood to be as good as elected as next President of Wellesley College, where she has been professor of Greek for the last four years.

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Miss Mary Filbrooke of Hoboken, the first woman to apply to the New Jersey Supreme Court for examination for admission to practice as an attorney at law, failed to receive the privilege.

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The Infanta Eulalia must sigh at times for the royal hospitality of her American visit. Her pension has been reduced and she has gone to London, where she will live economically and bereft of much of her state.

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Benzine and carbolic acid, one gallon to one ounce, is sure death to moths, but it cannot be used in delicate fabrics and from its inflammable character, must be used with great caution. A hand atomizer is the easiest way to apply it.

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Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, sister of the President, delivered the address at the twenty-sixth commencement exercises of the Ossining Seminary for Young Ladies at Sing Sing. Miss Cleveland spoke of the importance of the correct use of words.

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Mrs. Wm. E. Matthews, ("Victoria Earle") of New York City, is seeking information in relation to crime in the South and the amount of it that is committed by our race. Mrs. Matthews is a leader in a number of reforms, looking to the betterment of our condition as a race.

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To curl ostrich feathers have a dull knife with the top hollowed out near the point. Hold your feather over a fire, but not sufficiently near to scorch it, shaking in gently until warm; then holding the feather in the left hand, place the fibre of the feather between the thumb and knife edge and draw it along quickly, curling the end only.

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Blouses of a different color and material from those of the skirt are still popular, and will be for some time to come. They add a cheering touch of color to many a dark costume, and to wear with them for cooler days, on seaside or in the mountains, there is usually either a coat, zouave, or cape matching the skirt, and which is lined with the same color as the blouse.

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An exchange says: "Chloroform will take out grease spots; so will salt dissolved in alcohol. Or you can wet the place with ammonia water; then lay white, soft paper over it and iron with a hot iron. Or rub French chalk on the wrong side, let it remain a day, split a visiting card, lay the rough side on the spot and pass a warm iron lightly over it."

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"I used to think," said a man, "that women keep cooler than men do, but I am not so sure of it now. I think that, perhaps, we are somewhat overimpressed by the sight of a cool woman in summer. Clad in the trim and jaunty garments of the season, the cool woman looks so very cool and comfortable that I think we are inclined to take her as a type rather than to regard her as an individual; for may we not meet right next to her a woman evidently hot and uncomfortable?"

A Short Sketch of the Life of

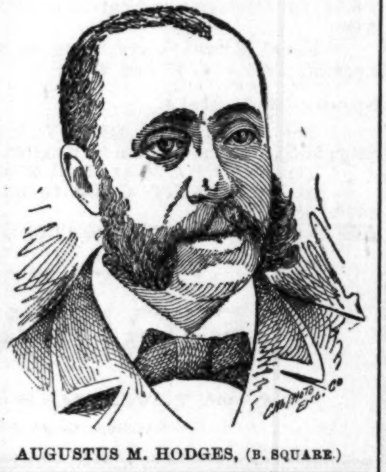
AUGUSTUS M. HODGES.

[BY A FRIEND.

Augustus Michael Hodges, who, under the literary mask of "B. Square," has written so many amusing and instructive articles, stories, poems and verses, was born in Williamsburg (now the Eastern district of Brooklyn), New York state, on March 18, 1854.

He comes from old Virginia stock, in which state he was raised and educated. His father was the Rev. Willis A. Hodges, of Princess Anne county, Virginia, and his mother, who was born in New York City, Sarah A. Corprew, second daughter of Doxsee Corprew, a bondman, who, after years of hard toil as a cooper, succeeded in saving enough extra money by working nights to buy himself and wife and remove from Princess Anne county, Va., to New York City in the early thirties.

The father of the subject of this sketch was a free born colored man and was obliged to flee to the Old Dominion in 1840 for the then grave crimes of teaching his slave friends how to read and write and helping them to find a freer clime than Virginia by writing free papers for them. He went to New York, where he was associated with the great John Brown in Franklin county, New York.



AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, (B. SQUARE.)

He returned to Virginia in 1866 with his family, Augustus being then 12 years old. The elder Hodges began an active life as a minister, teacher and political leader for and among his people in his native county of Princess Anne, holding many state and national positions of trust.

Augustus M. Hodges became imbued with his father's spirit to become a teacher. He entered the Hampton (Va.) Normal School, from which he graduated June 12, 1874, fourth in a class of twenty-six. He at once took charge of the District school at Kempville, Va., his home, where for ten years he took an active part in all the progressive moves of the colored people of Princess Anne county. He was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates (Assembly) in 1877, but was counted out by the Democrats.

He began his career as a writer in 1875, his first literary production being the account of a spelling match between his and a rival school. This article appeared in "The People's Advocate," Washington, D. C. Editor J. W. Cromwell complimented him upon his style and predicted for him a bright literary and journalistic future.

In the fall of '77 his first poem, "To A. H. M.,"—a love inspiration—appeared in the Waverly magazine, Boston, Mass. The same year he wrote several poems for the Christirn Recorder, Philadelphia, Pa., the most notable being "Sixteen Years Ago," "My Mother," "Press On" and "God Our Father, Man Our Brother." A year or so later his serial, "Fred Jackson's Vow," appeared in the same paper.

Since then there have been few newspapers or literary journals of note, white or colored, published in which at some time or other an article signed either "B. Square' or Augustic M. Hodges has not been found.

In the fall of 1875 he sent to the New York Tribune a reply to an article which appeared in that journal signed "Observer," in which the writer told some untruths about what he saw among the colored people of Norfolk and Baltimore when he visited those cities. Mr. Hodges closed his remarks by saying: "The writer of that article knows he has juggled with the truth and facts, why not be honest; why not be square?" It at once struck him to drop the "e" and make "B. Square" his nom de plume, which he did. Under this mask he has written hundreds of short stories and poems, all of which he soon intends to publish in book form under the title of "B. Square's Bluster."

A few years ago he returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., after an absence of fifteen years, where he has since been an active figure in the political and newspaper arena. He was editor of Hodges' Business Gazette, which was the only mercantile Afro-American journal published in the U. S. As "B. Square" he writes exclusively for The Freeman and Brock's Magazine.

Speaking of his parentage and birth he says: "We are apt to think when our forefathers for three or four generations have been honorable, good men and true, that it was some pre-arrangement of Providence in order that we might point with pride to the block from which we were chipped, when the fact is we are our parents' children from a mere accident of birth in which we were not consulted. John Smith, Jr., son of Hon. John Smith, might have been Tom Brown, Jr., son of old Tom Brown, the tramp and drunkard. As I review my ancestry and birth, however, I am pretty well content. If I had been called up or down from the abode of unborn souls two or three generations ago to pick out my parents' and grand parents' birth place and the home of my youth, I don't think I could have filled out the blanks any better than this: to be born of old Virginia Afro-American stock, allied on one side to the suffering bondmen, on the other to the persecuted free born colored people, by birth a New Yorker, a Virginian by education and association and a graduate of that great school, the Hampton N. and A. Institute. He who would ask more of Providence or fate is indeed more ungrateful than republics are supposed to be."

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(See the New York press comment in I. Garland Penn's "Afro-American Press and Its Editors.")

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I watch the white sails as they spread
Their wings, like birds set free;
And some o'er distant waves will glide,
Some in the wished-for haven bide,
And some—be lost at sea.

And thus, upon Life's changeful main,
While hope sang merrily,
Full many a barque from off the strand
We launched with eager heart and hand,
Nor dreamt of loss at sea.

But were there treacherous rocks and shoals
All, all unknown to thee?
It matters not—the heart doth know
That cruel storms have sunken low
The venture out at sea.

Mayhap it was no costly freight,
Tho' rich to you or me;
And Memory, as the days go by,
Still counteth o'er with tearful eye
Her treasures lost at sea.

Ah, well, there is a haven sweet
Where shipwreck cannot be;
Sad hearts, who sit in patient pain,
There shall ye gather back again
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Rev Isaac Kimbrough is conducting a camp meeting at Brightwood.

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Miss Amanda Rodgers is among her old home folks at Connersville.

Prof. P. F. Hamilton, of Lost Creek, passed through the city Monday.

Miss Ora Jones is the recognized leading soprano of the East End.

Miss Edna Harris has returned home to spend her college vacation.

Creole Switches on sale at Ladies' department of the Bates house barber shop.

Miss Hattie Jackson, of 265 Fayette street, is visiting her brother and wife in Chicago.

The U. B. F. picnic at the State Fair grounds on last Thursday passed off pleasantly.

Cards are out for the wedding of Edward Preston and Miss Anna Watts on the 8th prox.

The Progress Literary Club met at South Calvary Baptist church on last Wednesday evening.

R. F. Taylor, principal of the Jeffersonville public schools, spent last Sabbath at the capital.

The Terpsichorean Club has announced its annual outing for August 1st at Hammond's grove.

Calvin Brooks, foreman of the Bates House barber shop, was confined to his bed this week with neuralgia.

Dr. J. H. Ballard has removed his removed his office from 368 Massachusetts avenue to 108 Hill avenue.

Mrs. Preston, wife of Rev. J. A. Preston, of Mt. Olivet Baptist church, on Coburn street, is indisposed.

Mrs. Harriett Highbaugh, of Irvington, met with a serious accident, caused by a runaway, on last Tuesday.

Rev. C. F. Williams was called to Franklin on last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Emily Young, of that city.

A union meeting of the Christian Endeavors was held at New Bethel Baptist church on last Sunday afternoon.

There is a letter at this office addressed to Charley Chrisman, of this city, from Lauenburg, Prussia, Germany.

Mrs. A. W. Mayne, nee Beckley's infant daughter, Eulalia, who was alarmingly ill, at last accounts, was out of danger.

The South Side Mission Aid Society elected J. C. Chatman president and C. W. Rice secretary, at their last meeting.

The many friends of Mrs. Ralph Johnson will regret to learn that she is quite ill at her residence, 100 S. Illinois street.

Miss Ermine Doran, Ollie Hodges and Mrs. Dollie Lewis arrived in the city from the Blue Grass regions on last Thursday.

Miss Nannie Hardie, a teacher of the public schools of Lexington, Ky., is the guest of Mrs. Laura Ferman, 77 Adams street.

Mr. George Goens has purchased the Rhodes property, on North California street, and has let the contract for a handsome residence.

Miss Mabel Johnson, of the ladies' department of the Bates House barber shop, has returned from a two weeks' visit in Greensburg, Ind.

Rev. J. T. Leggett is suffering from an accident received from an electric car which he was boarding at North Indianapolis on last Wednesday.

Miss Flora Belle Passmore, Grace E. Lucas, Ada Harris and Lammie Mason will take the county examination for teachers in the county schools to-day.

Rev. Jerry Washington, traveling missionary of the Zion A. M. E Church, was in the city over last Sabbath. He has lately been elected commander of the Washington Home Guards and the Lillies of the Valley, of this city.

Rev. E G. Rankin, was in the city a few hours last Tuesday, en route from Harrisburg, Pa., to his home in Pine Bluff, Ark.

If you desire to enjoy a literary feast, attend the Epworth League at Simpson Chapel on every Thursday evening.

Bethel A. M. E. church gave one of their fashionable socials at the residence of Miss Lucinda Edwards, on Agnes street.

Geo. W. Buckley, who has been in poor health for several years, will start South Monday, for an extended visit for the benefit of his health.

The Vermont-street Church has erected a tent on the vacant lot just west of West street, on North street, where regular services will be held until further notice.

The members of Club No. 1, of Corinthian Zion Baptist Churches, are preparing for the cantata of Joseph's Bondage. The chorus will number forty trained voices.

Misses Elizabeth Hicks and Annie Johnson, of Louisville, were tendered a reception at the residence of Mrs. Charles Webb last week. They left for home Saturday.

Bishop Alexander Walters was in the city on extraordinary business last week. He preached both morning and evening sermons at Zion A. M. E. Church last Sabbath.

The campmeeting on Elizabeth street, under the auspices of Tabernacle Baptist church, continues to grow in interest. Special services will be conducted at 3 p. m. to-morrow.

The Representative concert given at the Second Baptist church on last Wednesday night was a grand affair. The elocutionary recital by Mrs. J. T. V. Hill, entitled "Trouble in the Amen Corner," deserves special mention.

A grand representative Church Choir Concert will come off at Allen Chapel on next Wednesday evening, Aug. 1st. Mrs. Maggie Snowden has the sole management in charge. Come one, come all.

The annual Sunday-school convention of the Baptists of Indiana will be held in Terre Haute on July 27-29, inclusive. The following are delegates: G. L. Davis, F. J. Hord, Frank Young, Misses Effie White, Annie Smith, Mrs. Annie Minor and the Revs. Seymour, Ferrell, Kimbrough, Williams, Highbaugh, Preston and Wilson. Rev. Martin, of Corinthian. is president; Miss Mattie Owens' of Columbus, is secretary, and Miss Mary Broyles is corresponding missionary.

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Announcement.

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, closed its sixth annual session at Lafayette, Ind., last week. The officers for the ensuing year are Henry Rogan, R. G. P.; Mary E. Cruitup, R. G. M.; W. F. Teister, A. G. P.; Eliza Johnson, A. R. M.; Roxie H. Bell, G. S.; M. E Meyzeek, G. T. Next meeting will be in Evansville, Ind., in July, 1895.

The Indianapolis Sanitary Association.

The monthly meeting of the Indianapolis Sanitary Association, will be held in the East parlor of the Propylaeum, on Friday, Aug. 10th, at 10 o'clock a. m. These sessions are both interesting and instructive, and all persons interested in an improved sanitary condition of the city generally, are invited to be present.

The "Pickets" Mid-summer Night Festival.

A most pleasant evening was spent by the members and friends of "The Pickets," at their last Mid-summer Night ice cream festival, held at the Patsey Heart restaurant, corner of Indiana avenue and California street. The "Pickets" have no men on guard, and are a social and money getting adjunct of the Second Baptist, officered entirely by ladies. The following is the roster:

President, - -	Nancy Taylor.
Vice-president, -	Florence Goens.
Secretary, - -	Ella Faison.
Ass't secretary, -	Victoria Massy.
Treasurer, - -	Mary, Elzy.

Among leading members who were present to assist in entertaining the weary pilgrim in his quest for a pleasant evening, were Mrs. Josie Scott, of N. California street, and her charming guest, Mrs. Clara Bond, late of Finley, O.; Miss Teena Stelle, Mesdames Goodall, Edna Williams, and Messrs. Jones, Cash and Taylor, and a continual stream of comers and goers throughout the evening. "The Pickets" are of comparative recent creation, organized for the purpose of social pleasure incidently, but mainly to assist in the repairs that for the last three months have been going on at that church. For this purpose mainly, these weekly receptions have been given and have netted quite a handsome sum.

AT THE HALL HOME.

The Javanese Lawn Party Last Thursday Night.

A novel and picturesque innovation, a Javanese Lawn party, was given last Thursday night on the grounds of the elegant Hall residence, No. 289 Bright street, and proved to be quite the season's "proper caper." The attendance was large and jolly, the costumes of the "Javanese" au fault, and the refreshments and delicacies abundant and of the season's best. Among those who were "lookers on Vienna" from abroad and surrounding cities, were Mrs. Susie Shorter and daughter Pearl, Wilberforce, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lanier, late of Washington, D. C.; the Misses Hicks and Gibson, of Louisville; the Misses Thompson, Casey and S. Miller, of St. Louis; Miss Maggie Pierce, Cincinnati, and Mamie Pettiford, of Franklin, Ind. The committee having the delightful affair in charge were Mrs. Amanda Wells, Mrs. Hall and Julia Jackson.

REWARD OF PATIENCE

And Devotion—Re-Opening of the Second Baptist Church To-morrow.

The main auditorium of the Second Baptist church will re-open to-morrow. The church has undergone extensive repairs, which makes it the finest piece of church property owned by the race in this city. An artificial front of brown stone, new windows and various other improvements, adds greatly to the looks of the exterior.

The interior has undergone an extensive overhauling. Everywhere the hand of the decorator is seen. The ceilings and walls are hand painted, and the bleading of the colors is an artistic triumph. Immediately to the rear of the pulpit is a large picture representing the "Baptism of Christ," painted by a special artist. As a whole, the interior decorations are ornate, and are easily the finest seen in a colored church in this locality. An elaborate program has been prepared for the occasion.

MURDERED.

Shot for Three Dollars and Twenty-five Cents.

Tuesday night, about 8 o'clock, Eli Wilson, colored, was shot and instantly killed by his landlord, Charles Robb, also colored, the result of a dispute over back rent to the amount of $3.25, claimed by Robb as due him from Wilson. Robb gave himself up. Both men are well known. The dead man was a widower and leaves two daughters.

At North Indianapolis To-morrow.

Quarterly meeting at Barnes Chapel M. E. church, North Indianapolis, Sunday, July 29th. All pastors and congregations are cordially invited to be present. At 10:30 the Rev. E. L. Gilliam, P. E., will preach; at 3 p. m., sharp, Rev. L. M. Hagood, D. D., will preach the sacramental, and at 7:30 the Rev. E. L. Gilliam, P. E., will deliver a sermon.

Personal Mention.

Miss Celia Bass is visiting friends in Fremont, Ohio.

Mrs. Henry Simmonds is visiting friends in Chicago.

Miss Cora Christy and Miss Lillie Sweeney are in Chicago.

Mrs. Fannie Gibbs is visiting Mrs. A. H. Henderson, in Cincinnati, O.

Rev. A. Campbell, of the Christian Church, will spend Sunday in Gibson City, Ind.

R. W. Thompson and A. E. Manning left for Washington, D. C., last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Valentine, of Lebanon, Ind., the guest of Miss Lillie James, returned home Monday.

Miss Kate Mann will spend the month of August at Cleveland, Put-in-Bay and Niagara Falls.

Miss Minnie Thompson and Lulu Casey, of St. Louis, are spending the summer months in Indianapolis.

Miss Mary Palmer and A. B. Baird, delegates to the Endeavor convention, have returned, and report an enjoyable time.

Dr. Henderson returned from Marion last Saturday, where he assisted Rev. H. H. Thompson in an old fashioned Methodist camp-meeting.

A Card of Thanks.

To the Worthy Princess and honorable members of St. Mary's Temple No. 2:

It becomes my duty as well as pleasure to speak of the efficiency and faithfulness of the aforenamed lodge. If I mistake not, there were 100 members who sat up with my wife. The sick benefits were not promised simply, but when the time came, the money was ready. There was not a single blunder. This band of Good Samaritans was not only willing to soothe and comfort the wounded sufferer, but even took an interest in my children. This lodge has endeared itself to my heart, and Indianapolis has reasons to be proud of it. In conclusion, I wish to call attention to the untiring efforts of the chairman of the sick committee—sister Garnett. Early and late, through rain and shine, she was found at her post of duty. It was never too cold, nor too warm for her. All honor to her. Such noble officers are bound to give weight and strength to any lodge. Again I thank you, and may the Lord bless you that you may continue to do His will.

HARVEY YOUNG.

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Pittsburg, Pa., Special.

Rev. O. S. Simms, pastor of the Siloann Baptist church, corner Pennsylvania and Central avenues, preached an able sermon last Sunday, the 22d He extends a cordial invitation to all. H. C. Oliver left last Saturday, the 21st, with Gen. Pass. Agt., E. A. Ford, of the western division of the Pennsylvania railroad, for a six weeks' tour through Alaska. James W. Graves died Sunday, July 22d. Funeral services took place Monday, the 23d, at Carson Street Baptist church, of which he was a member. Rev. W. Dovall, officiating. The deceased left many friends to mourn his demise. His remains were removed to his parents in Virginia. The progressive people of the "Smokey City" must not fail to read The Freeman, as it will contain more interesting news each week, as it has engaged H. F. Collins, of East Pittsburg, for its "Twin City" correspondent. The Negro American Sun didn't rise last Saturday as usual. We cannot account for its non-appearance unless it was that Mr. Booker had the reporters and editors bluffed on the 40,000 glass question.

The "Metropolitans," as "Outers."

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

Mesdames Johnson and W. A. Wilkinson are visiting relatives in St. Paul, Minn. The Taborien band is preparing for a winter tour with the Spink combination. Mrs. Celia Williams is contemplating moving to Natchez, Miss., her birth place. Miss Jessie Murdock has been confined to the house for several days on account of illness. Miss Georgia Gibson has given up her contemplated trip to Manhatten Beach this season. George Jones has been out of the city several days attending to important business for his lodge. Miss Eva T. Carter writes home that she is having a delightful time at Mentor. Mrs. Wheeler is quite ill at her home, 1414 Gay street. Mrs. J. W. Ferguson, the popular organist of the Central Baptist church, is recovering from her late illness. Miss Gertie Johnson, the coming violin virtuso, intends completing her musical education in Boston. Mrs. Louisa Therton was successful in winning the recent suit brought against her by Chas. Sebastin. A. S. D. Taylor's recent article in The Freeman, of June 30th, in defense of Miss Ida B. Wells, has brought him numerous complimentary letters from friends throughout the state. Misses Clara Hutt and May Hamilton are among Detroit's favorite summer visitors this season. Dr. W. P. Jones, on account of the indisposition of the pastor, Rev. J. L. Cohran, filled the pulpit of the Central last week and delivered an eloquent funeral oration over the remains of one of the members. The "Metropolitan" A. M. E. Zion church have moved their camp meeting to Webster grove. The strike here was the means of giving employment to a number of colored men in the freight department. D. B. Williams, one of the accomplished furnishers of the Leigh & Williams Granolither Paving company, is a constant reader of The Freeman, as is also John Downey, another prosperous St. Louisian, engaged in other business. The Ideal Mandolin club will accompany the photographers on their excursion Thursday. John Johnson never said a word about his intended marriage to Miss Minnie Kenneth. When his friends heard of it he was married. May success attend the wedded life of this well matched couple. Mrs. De Frances, wife of a West End coachman, who has been ill for some time, died last week and was buried from the First Baptist church. The excursion of the Metropolitans to Silver Island last Monday, was one of the pleasantest of the season. The steamer was crowded with merry excursionists, who got all the enjoyment possible out of the day off.

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